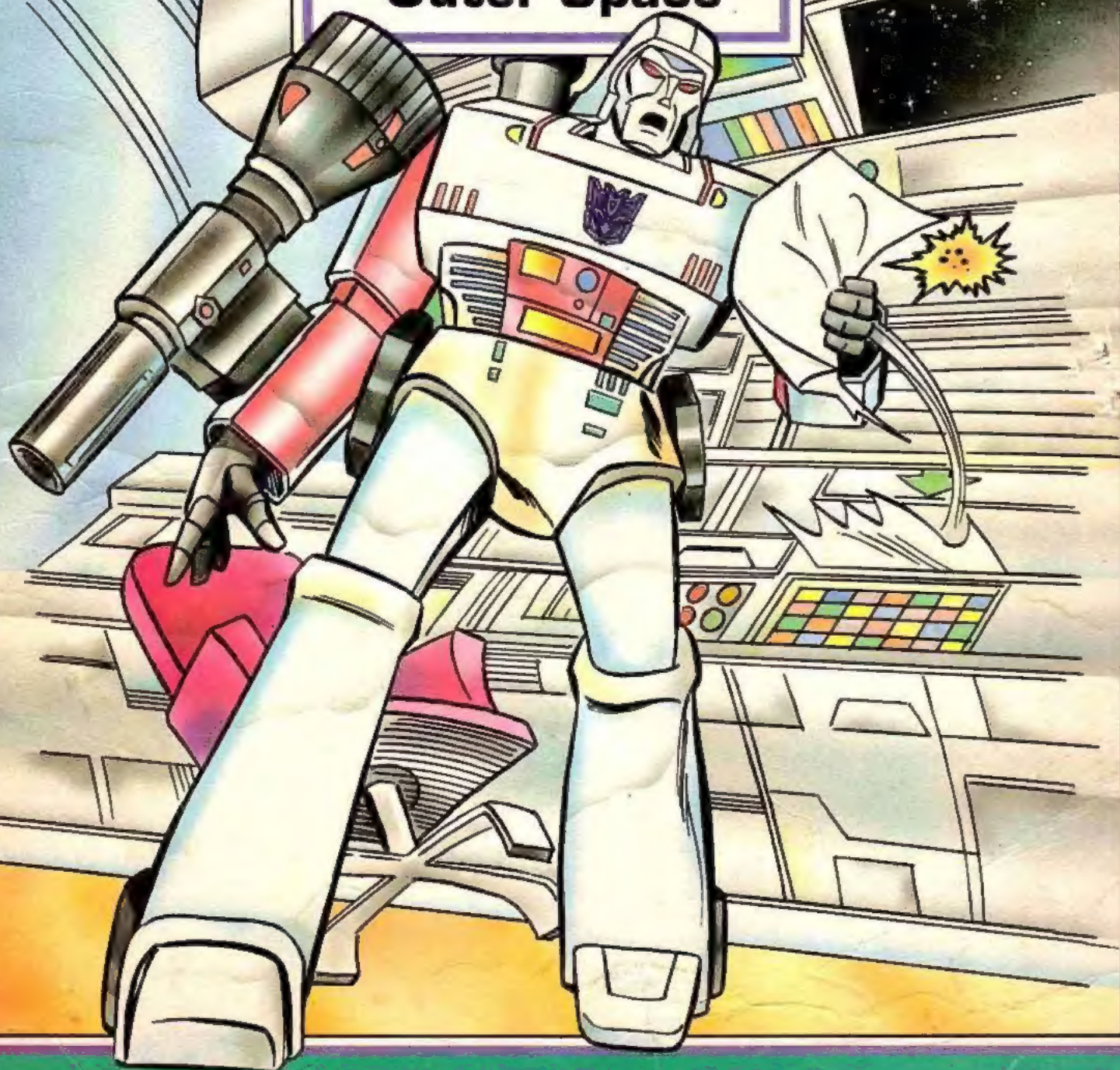


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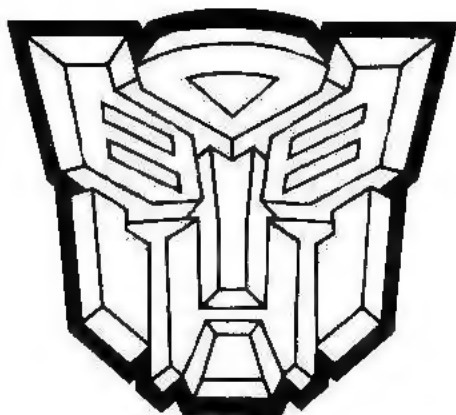
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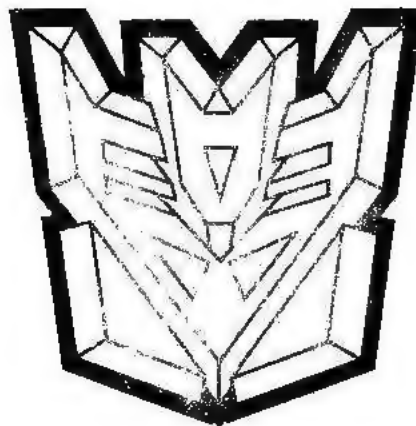
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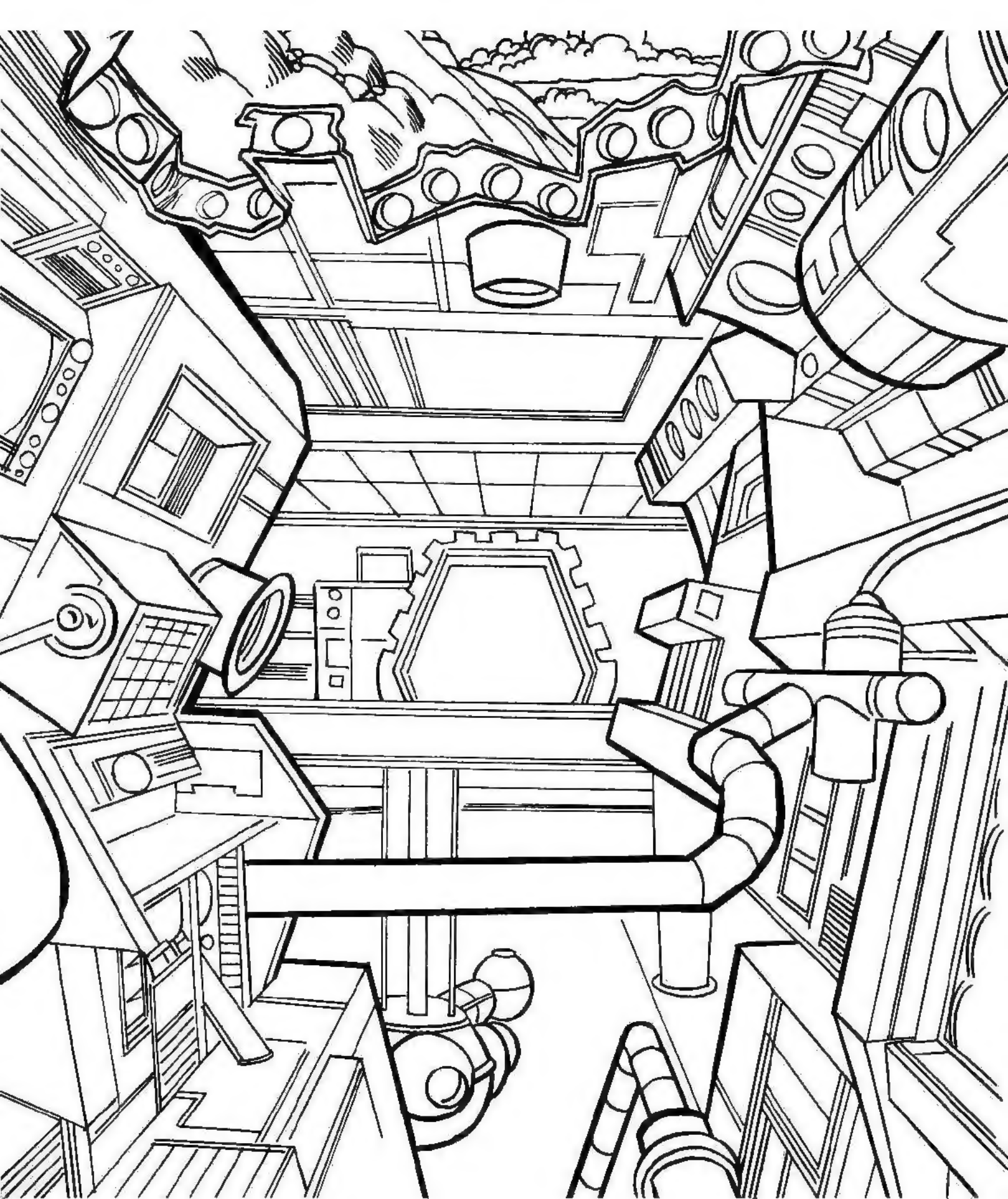
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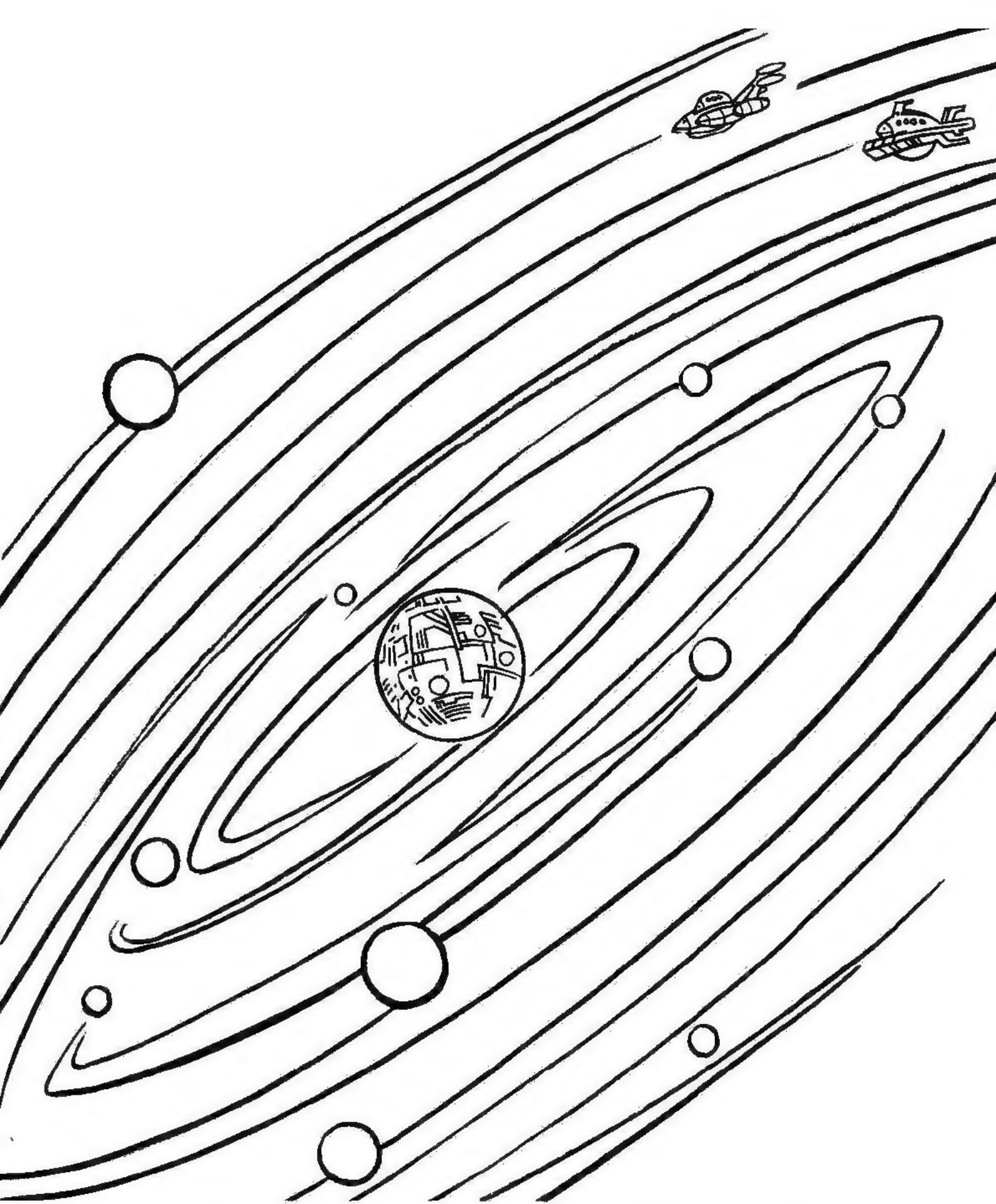
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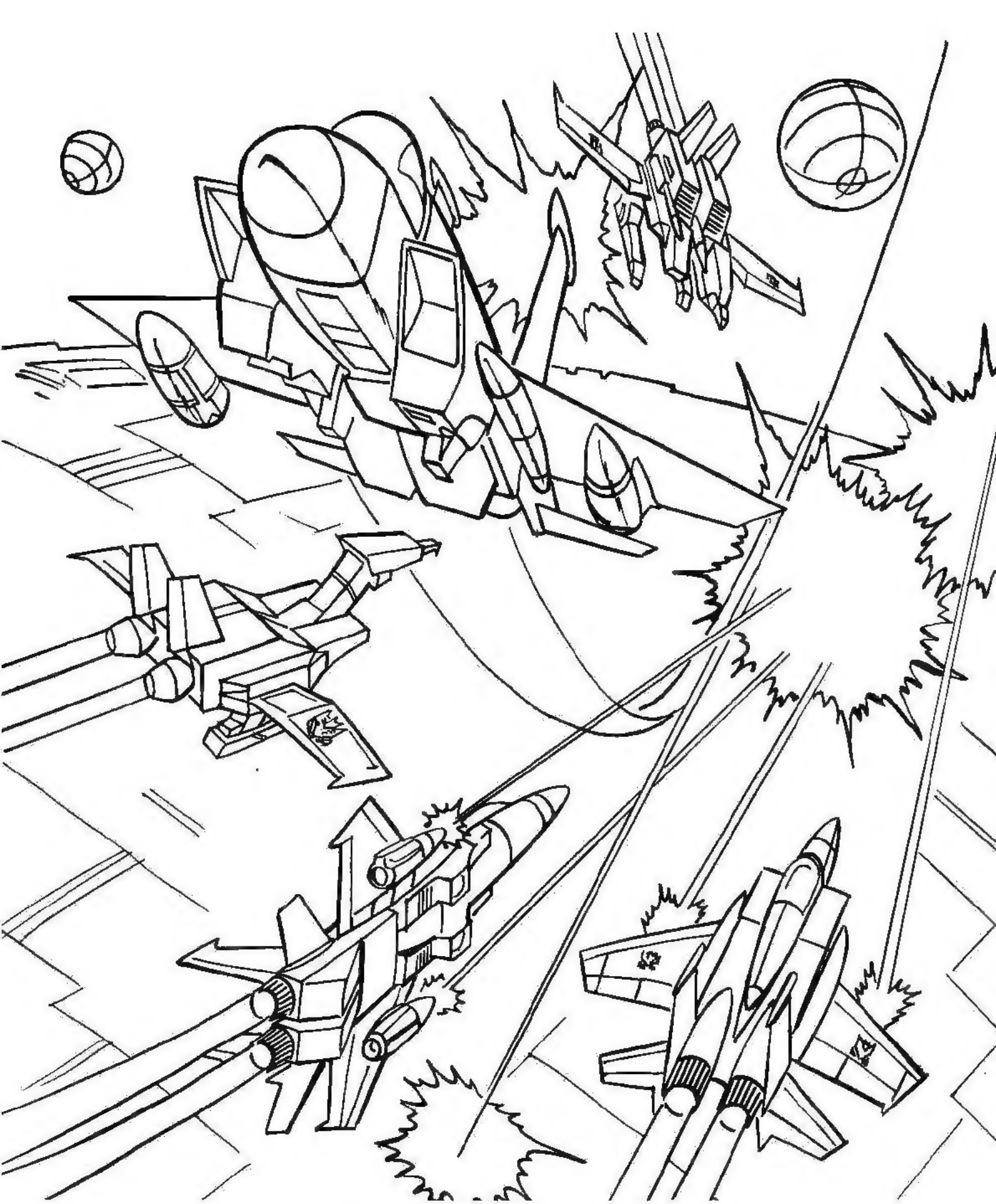
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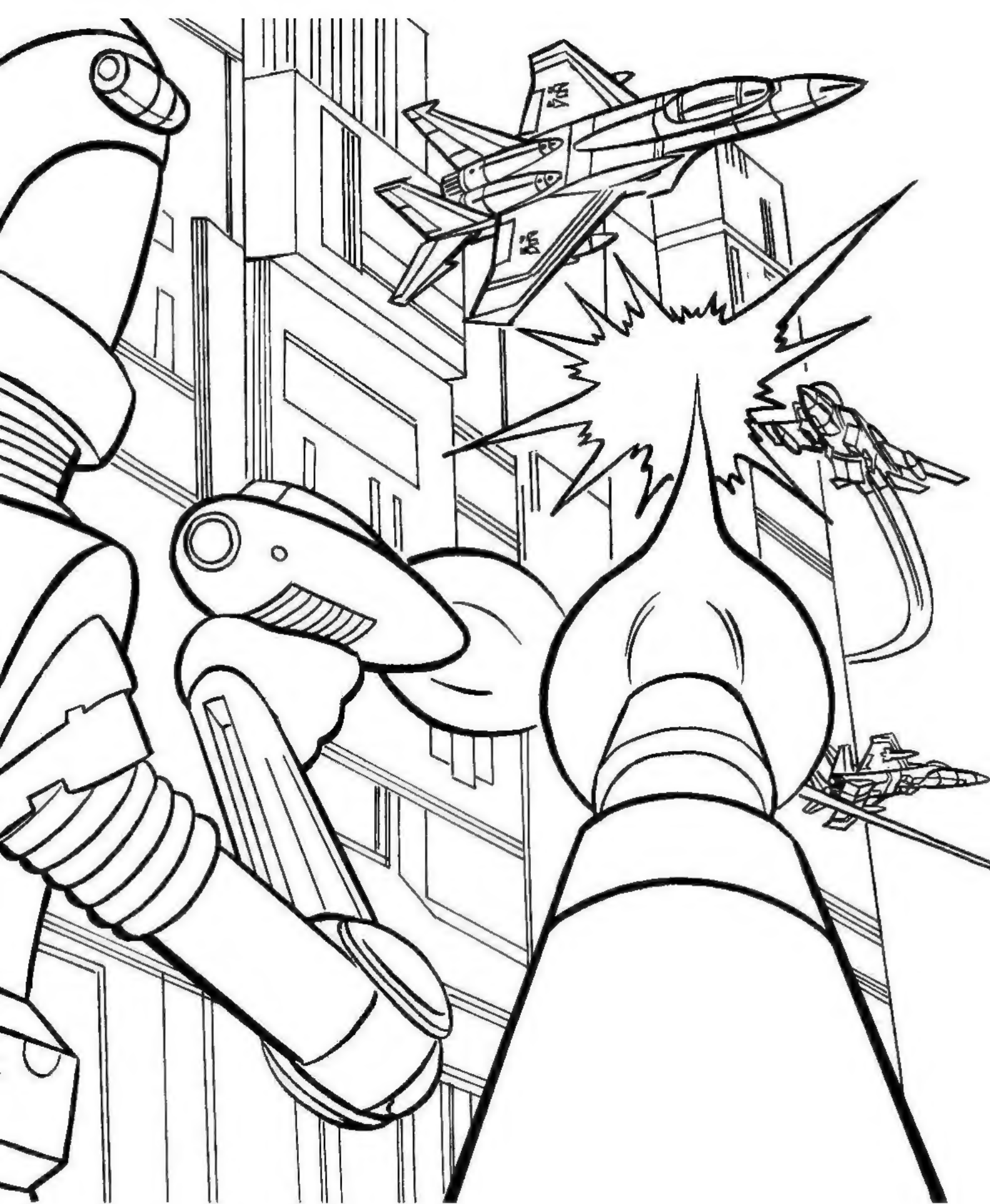
This is the Earth camp of the peace-loving Autobots.



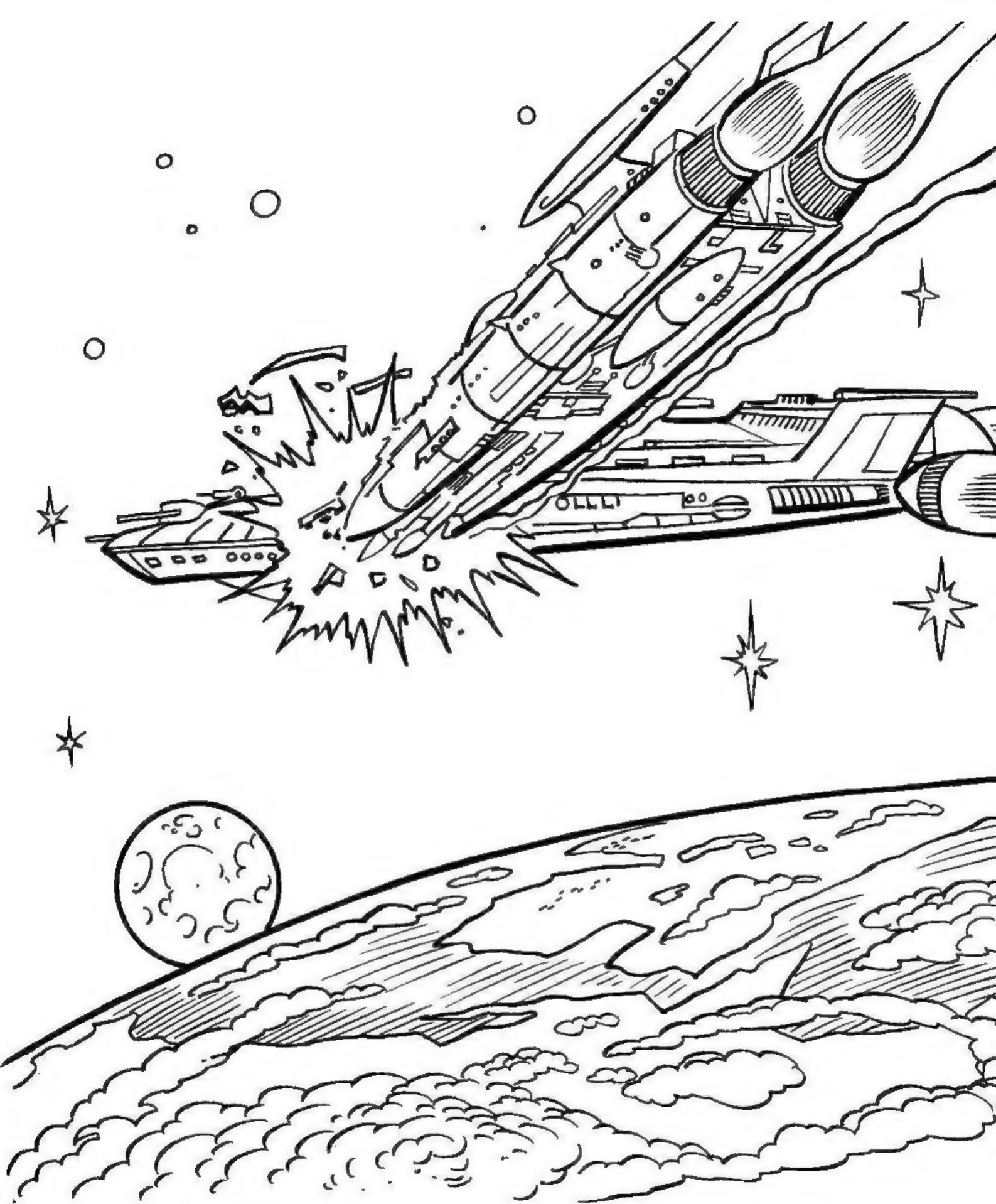
Millions of years ago, the Autobots lived on a completely mechanical planet called Cybertron.



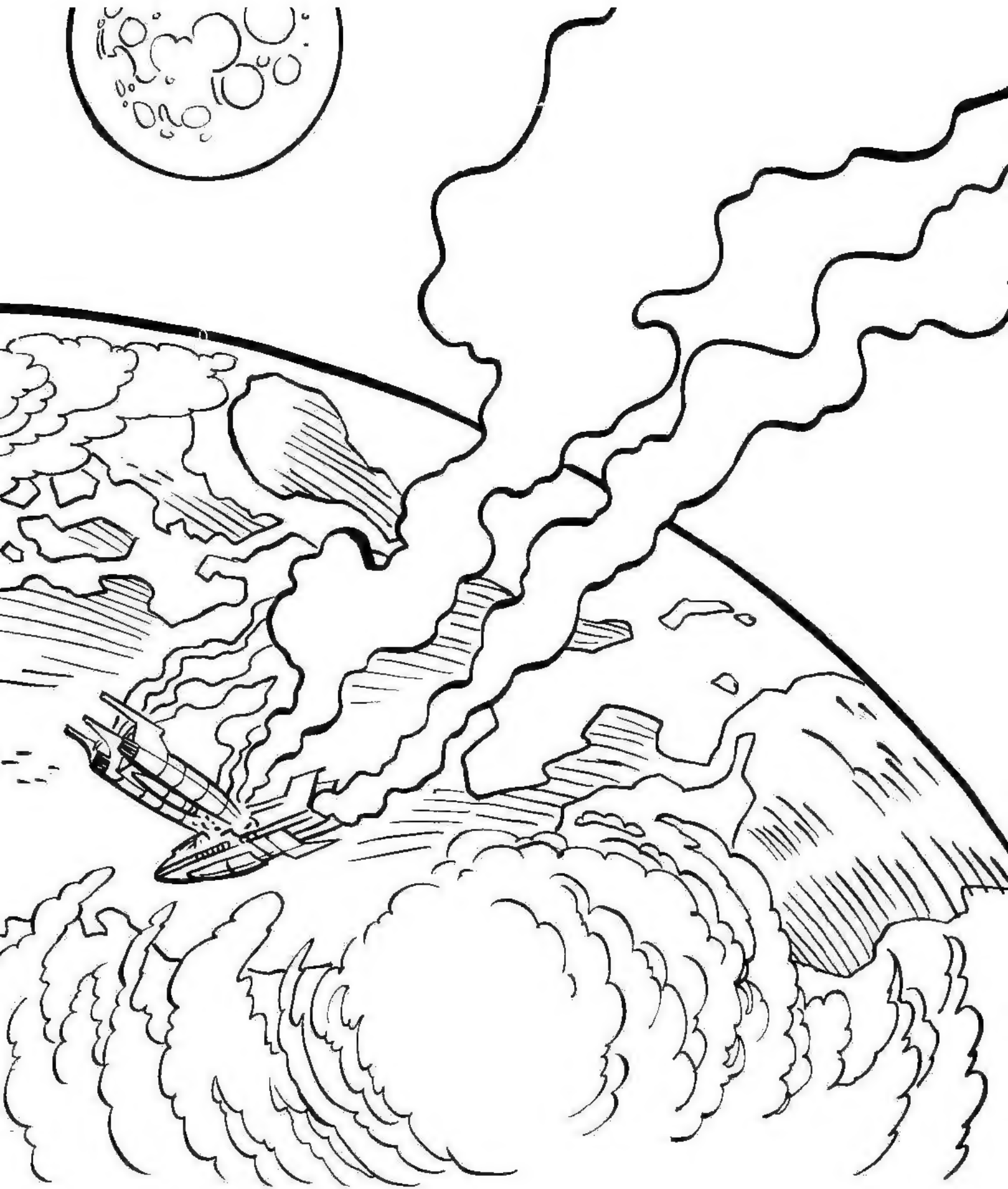
So did war-like robots called Decepticons.



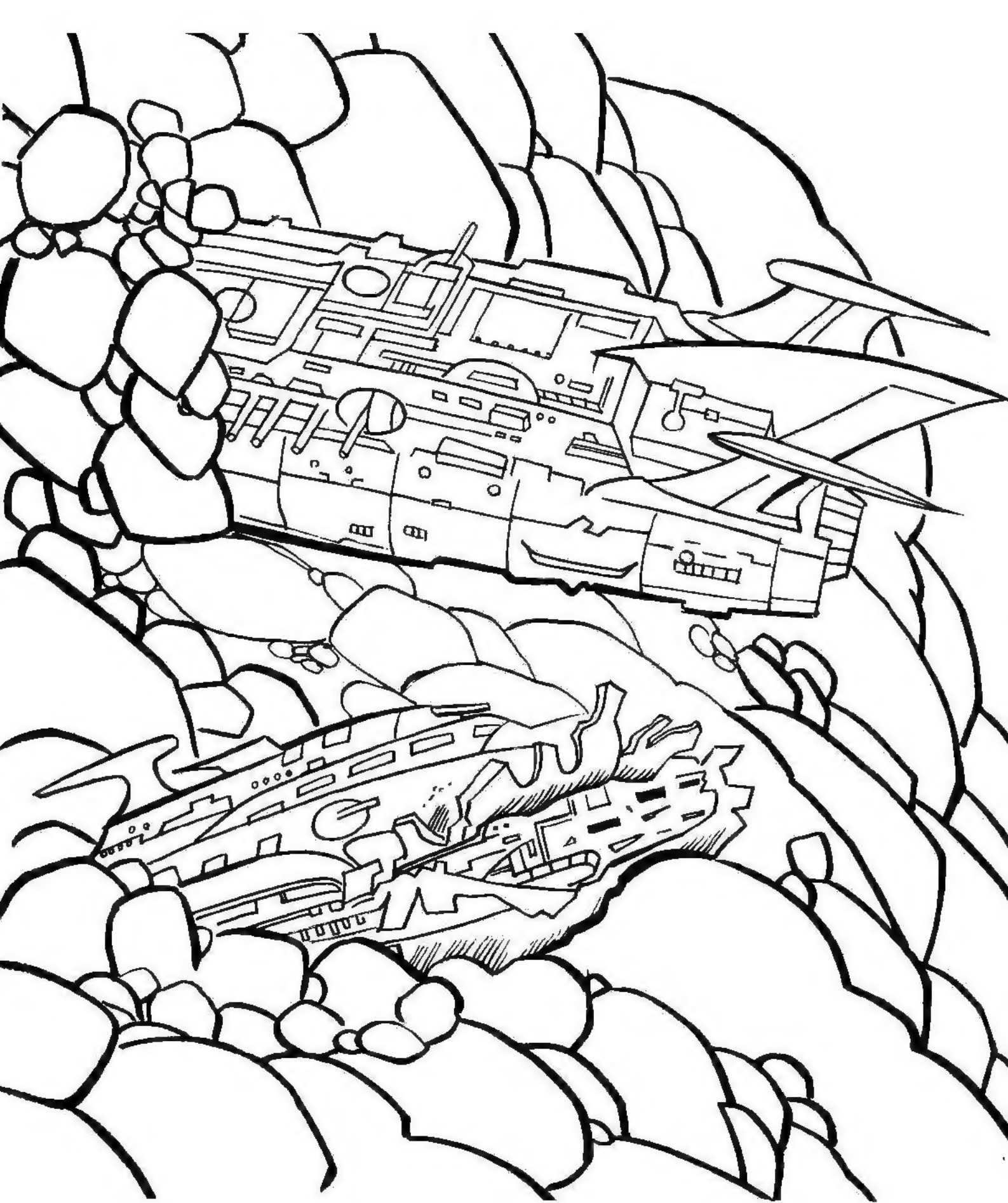
The Decepticons were always waging war on the Autobots. They fought battles on land and in outer space.



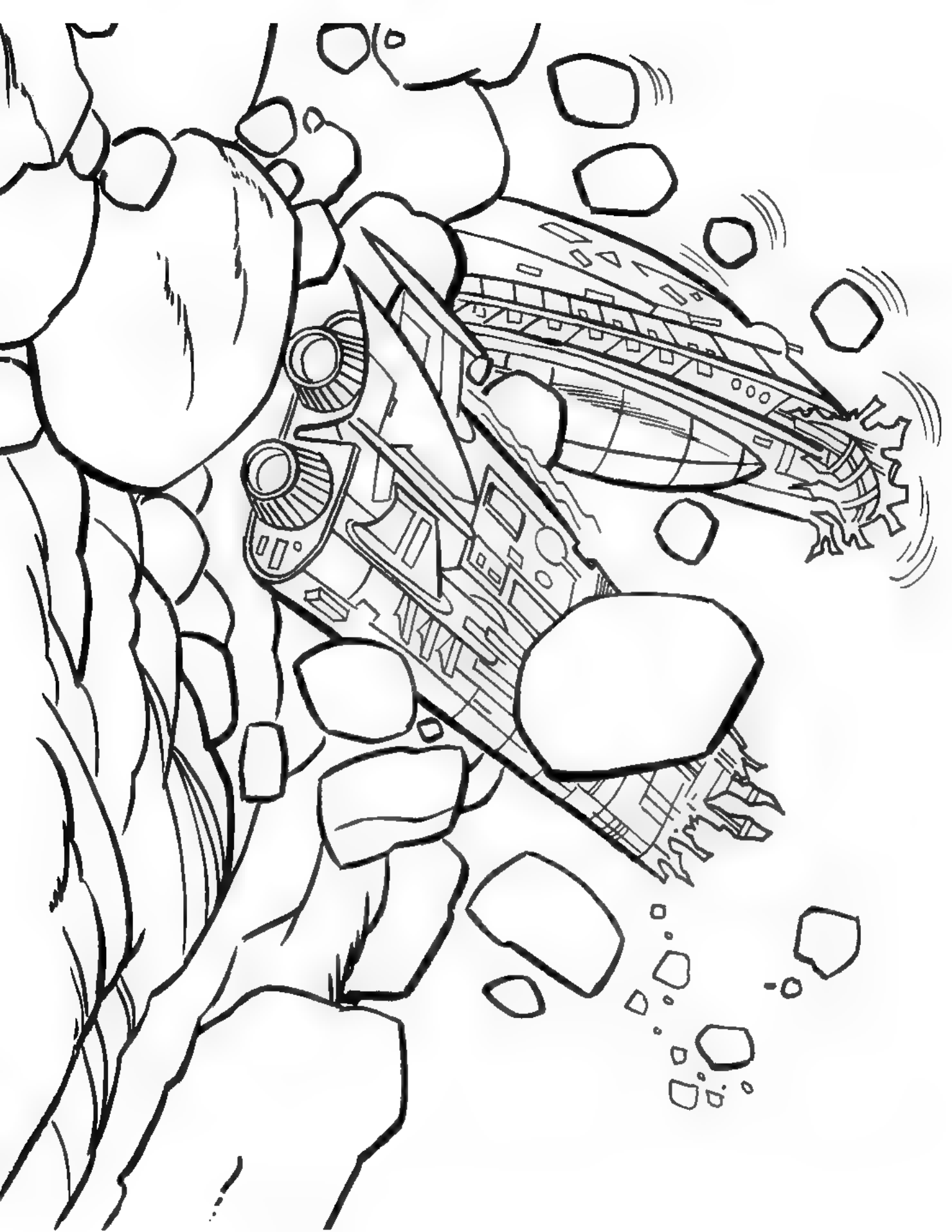
In one space battle, the Decepticons chased an Autobot ship deep into space. They fought above a tiny planet called Earth. Suddenly, the Decepticon ship rammed into the Autobot ship.



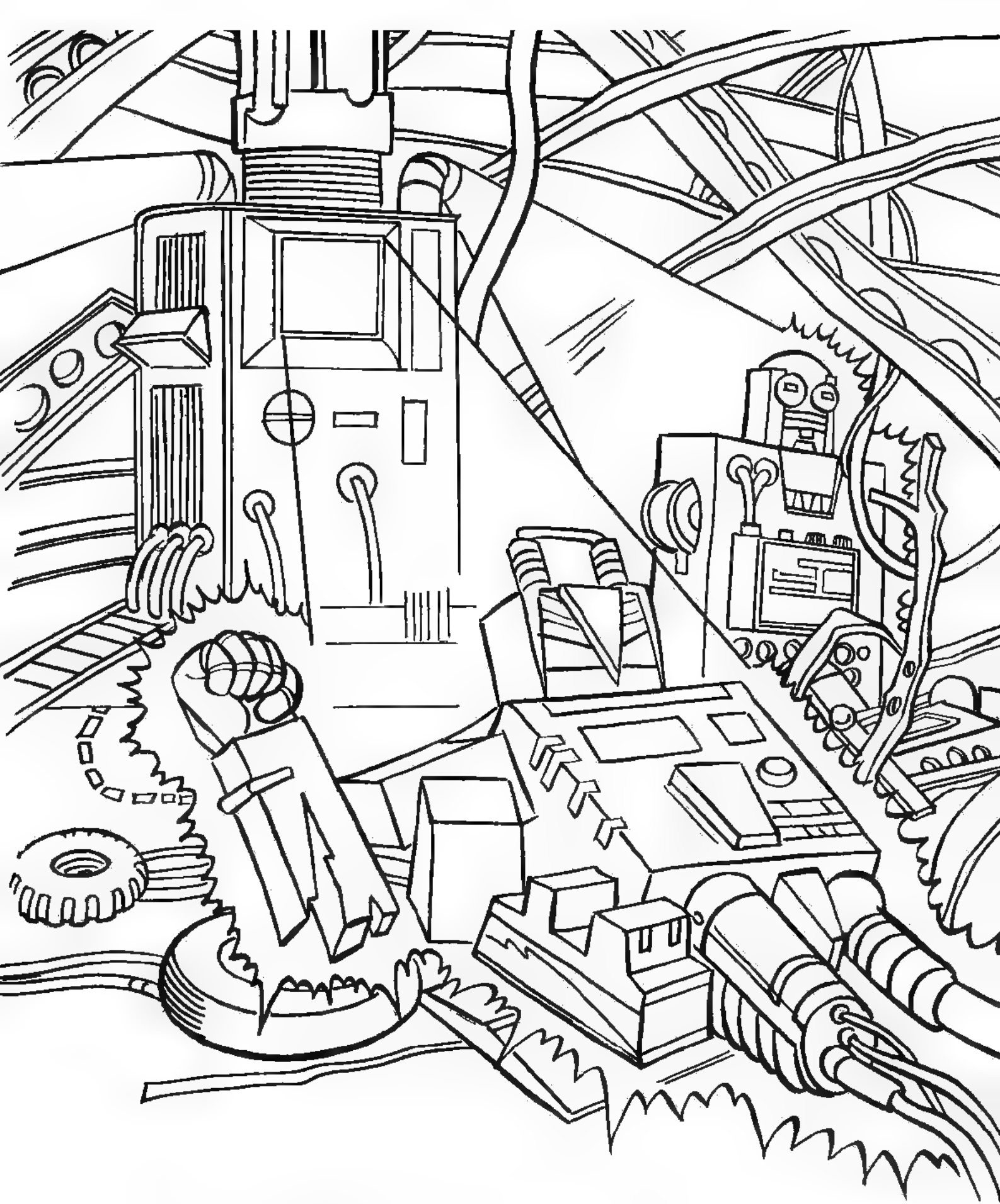
The Autobots had no choice but to crash-land on Earth, pulling the Decepticon ship down through the atmosphere with them.



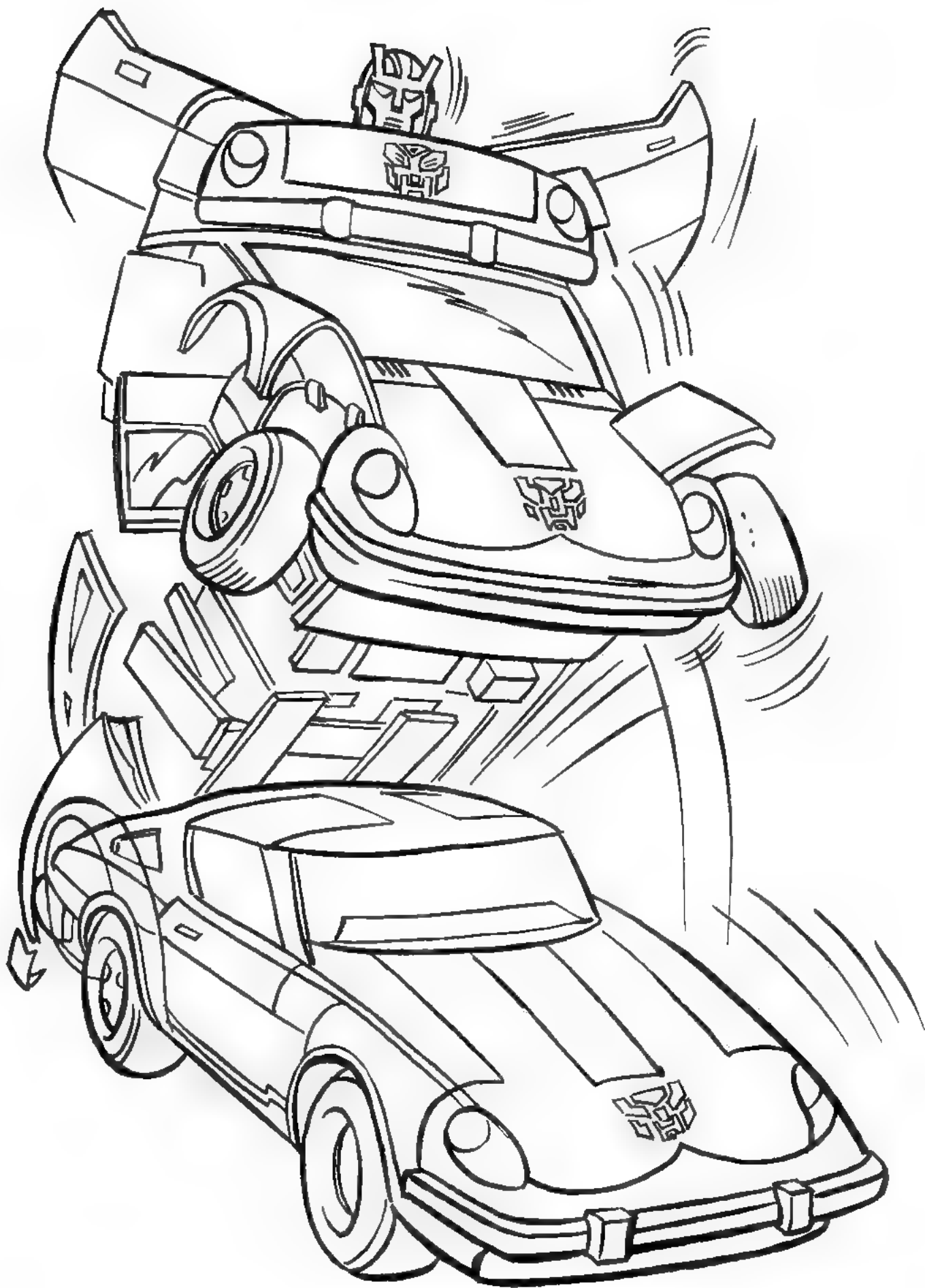
They remained there, trapped inside a volcano, for eons...



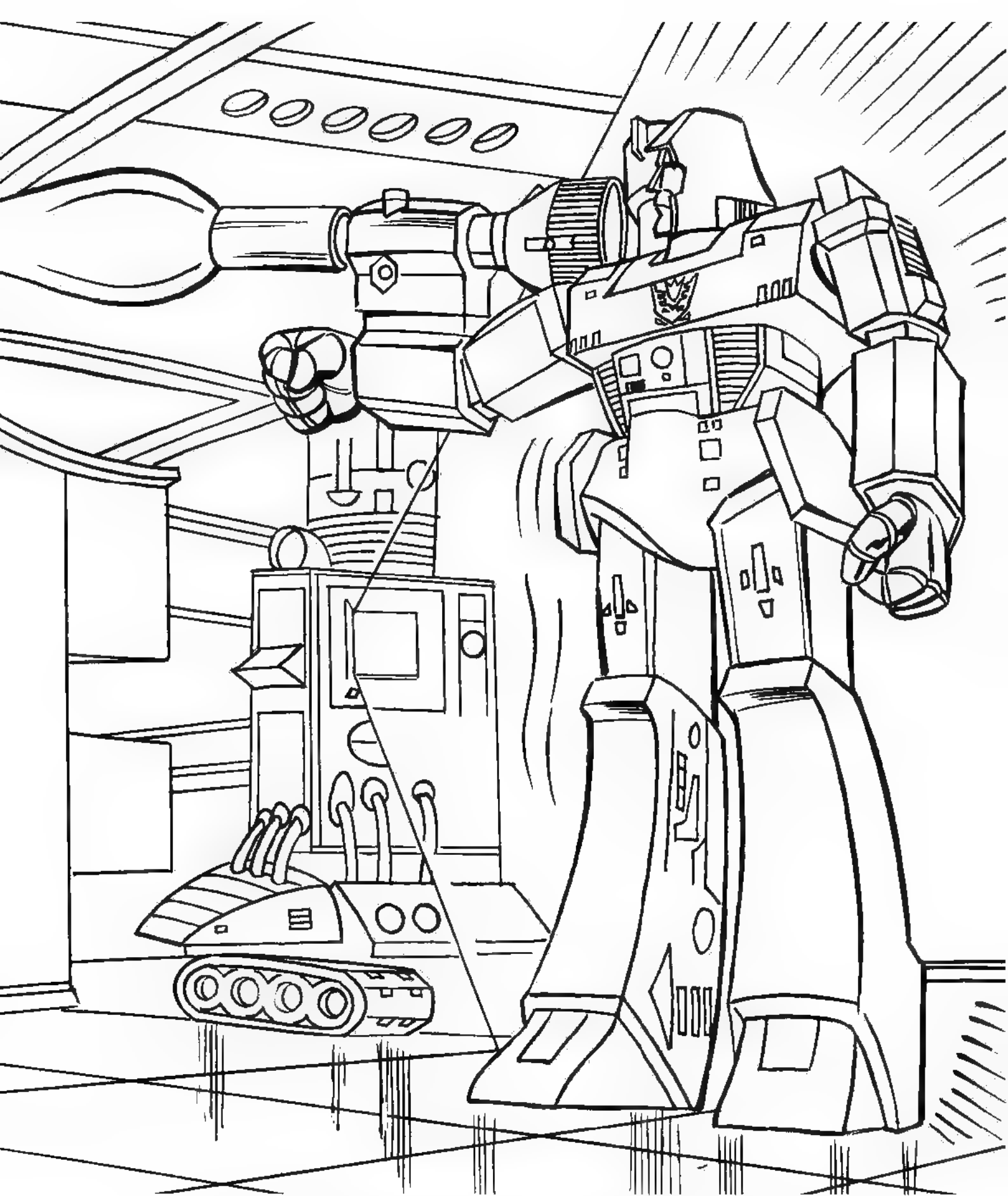
...until a volcanic eruption pushed the two ships onto the Earth's surface.



Slowly the Autobot computer began repairs on the Autobot ship, The Ark, and its crew.



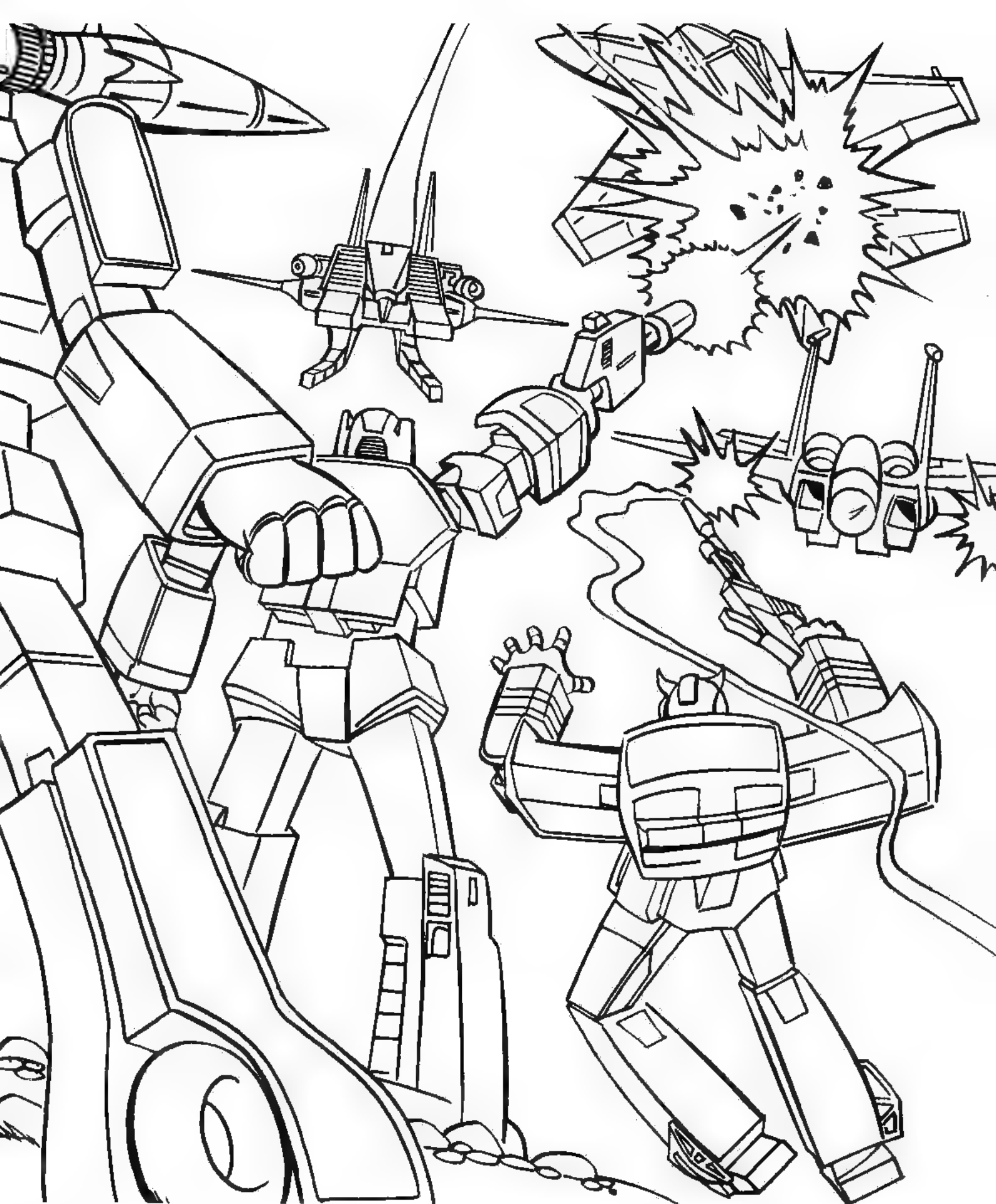
The computer fixed the Autobots so that they could change into things suitable for their new planet, Earth.



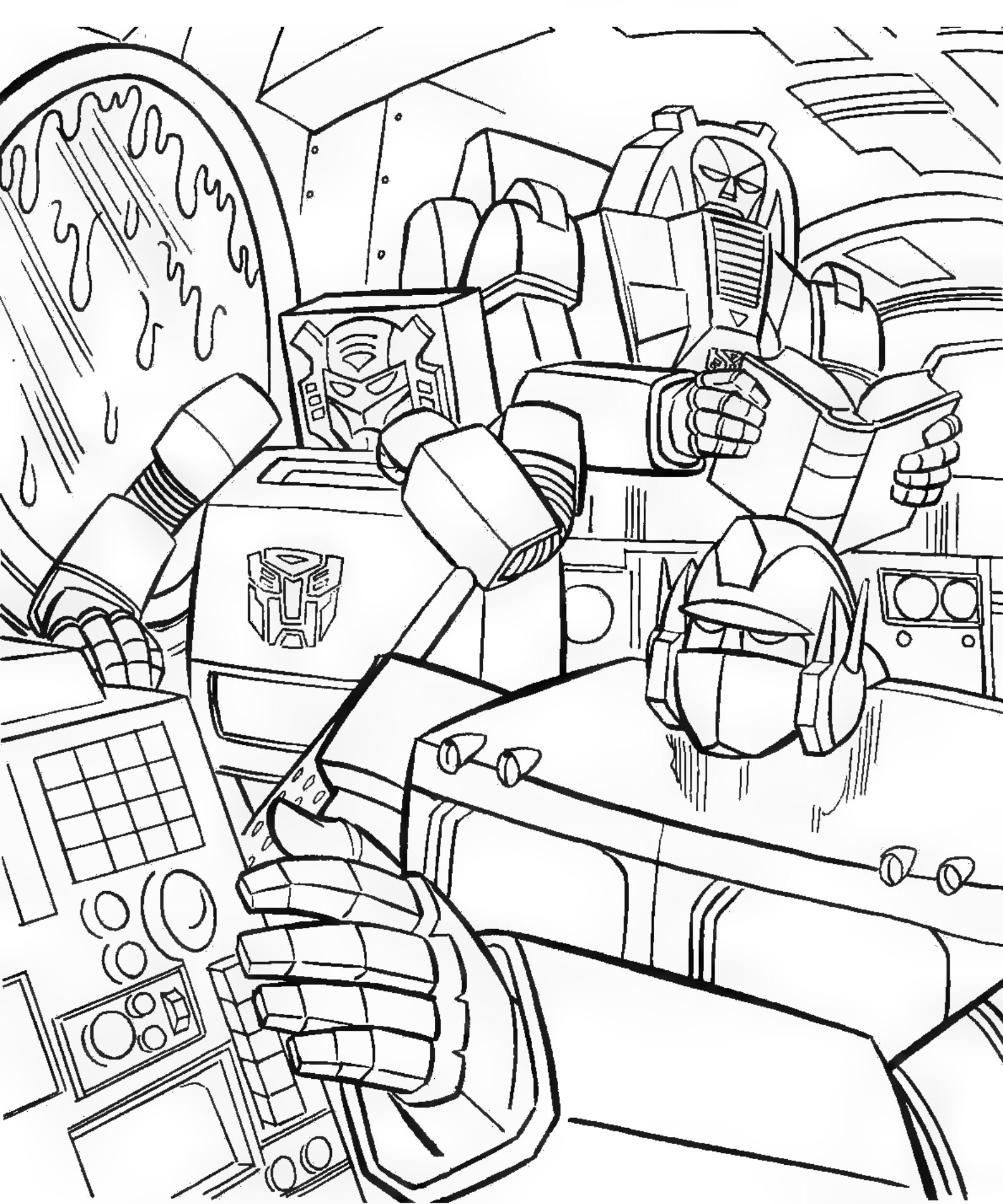
The computer fixed the Decepticons also. This was a mistake.



The Decepticon leader, Megatron, vows to crush the Autobots and conquer Earth.



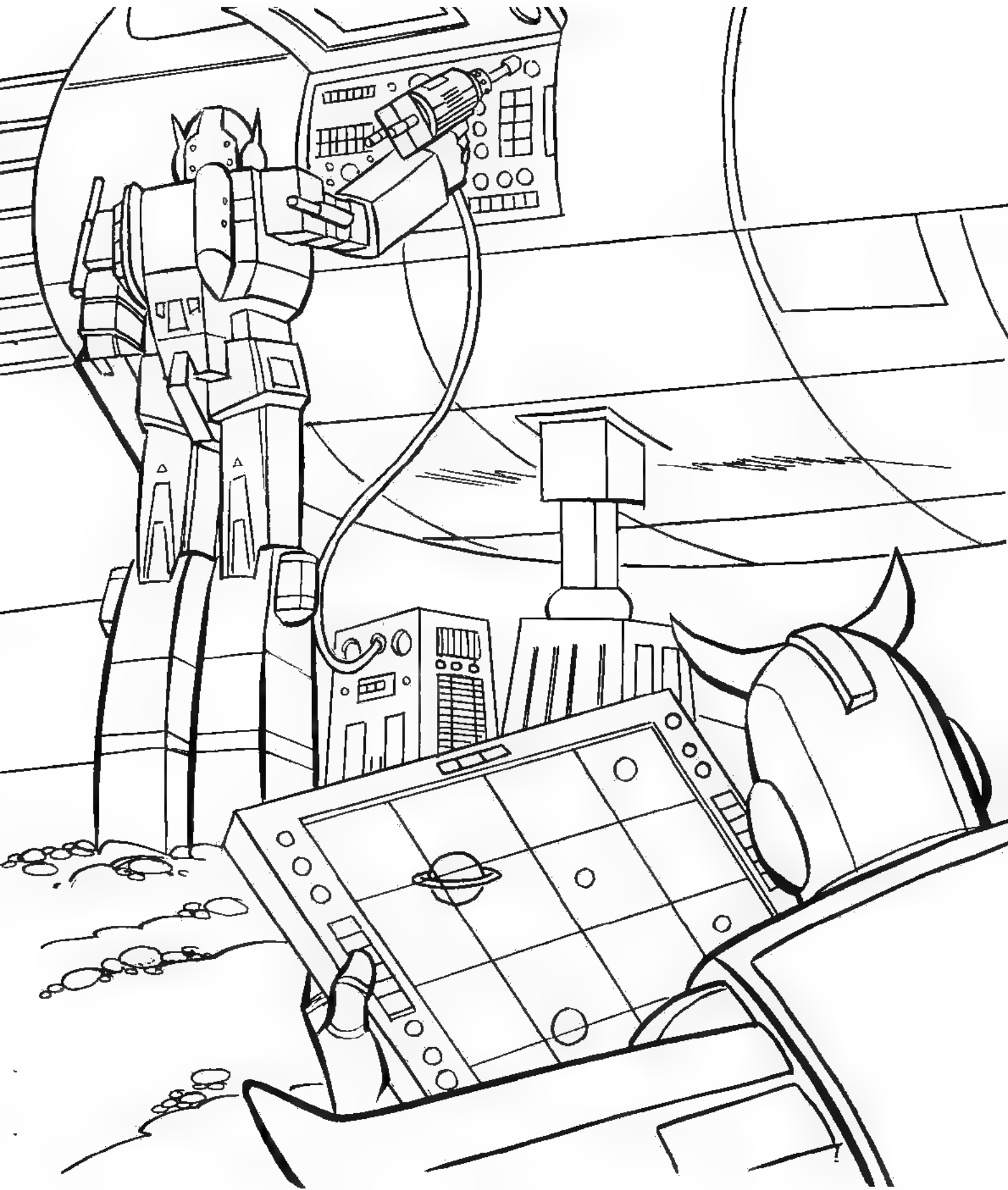
So the ancient battle between the Autobots and the Decepticons continues here on Earth.



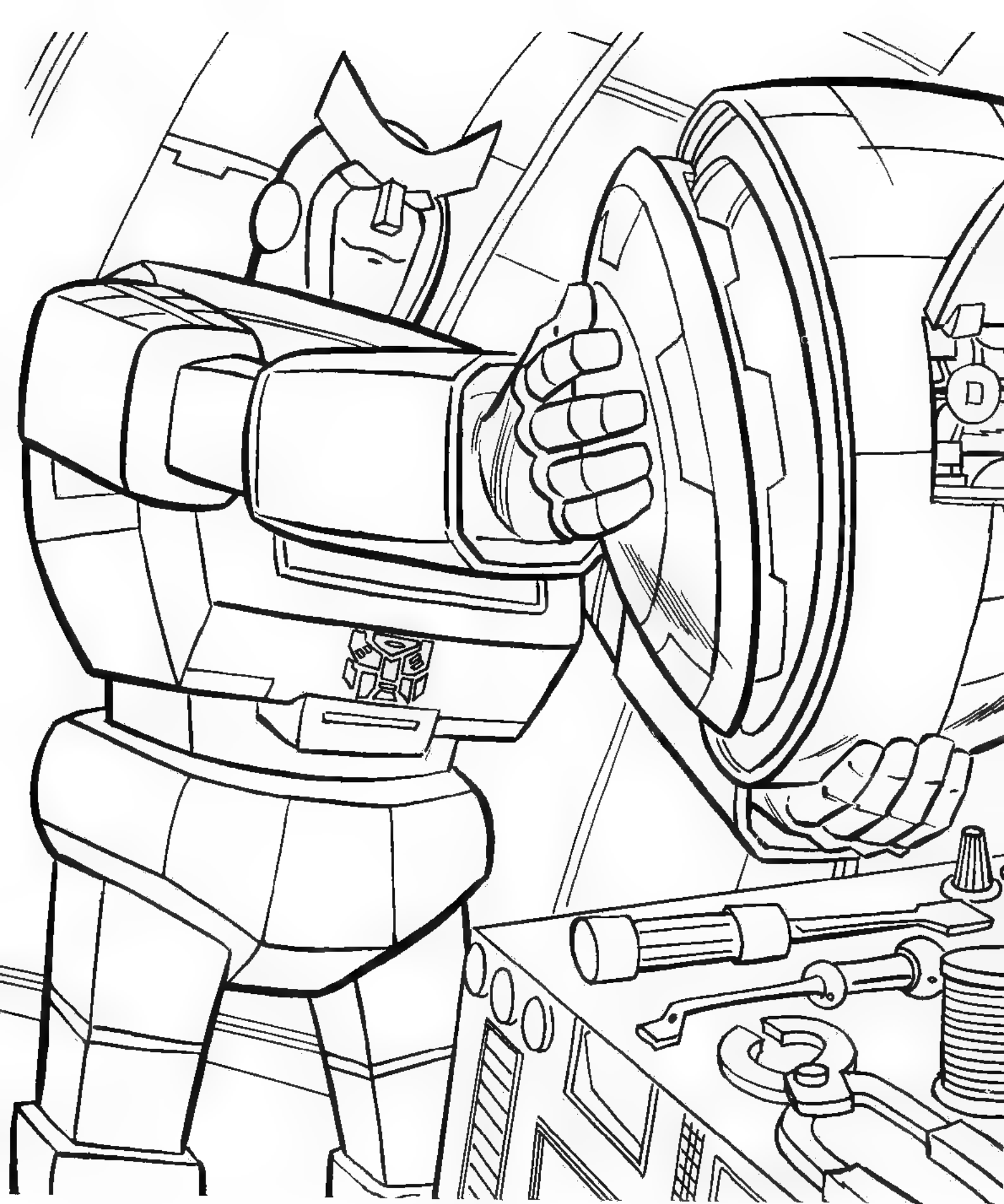
Today is a rainy afternoon for the Autobots. They don't like being stuck inside the Ark.



"I miss Cybertron," says Bumblebee.
"We'd all like to return," says the Autobot leader, Optimus Prime.



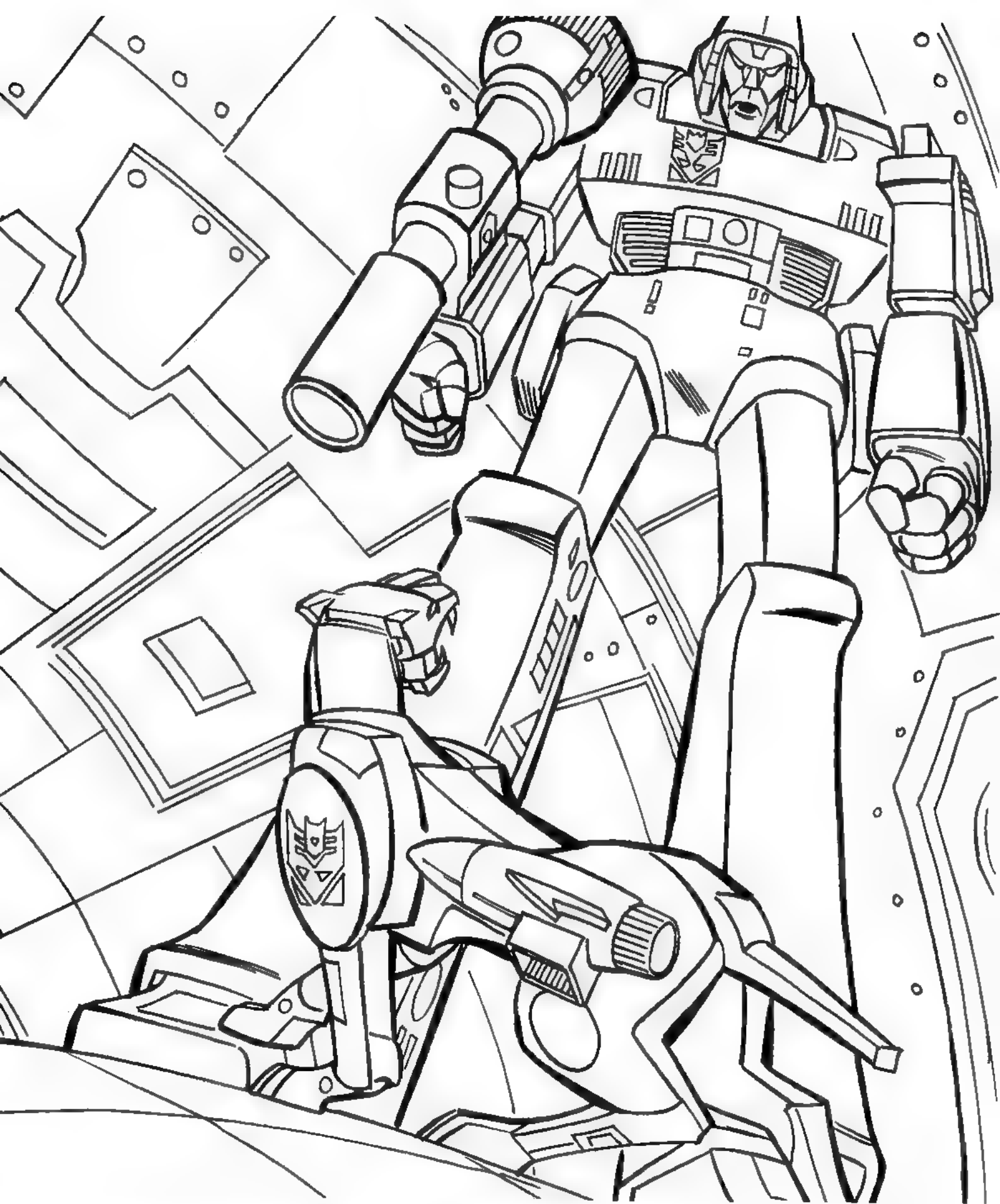
Optimus Prime returns to his repairs on the ship. Prowl looks at a space map, but he's not sure how the Autobots will find their way back to Cybertron even if the ship is fixed.



"Don't worry," says the Autobot repair expert, Ratchet. "I have this space communicator working. If there is a space ship anywhere near Earth, it will pick up our signal and help us."

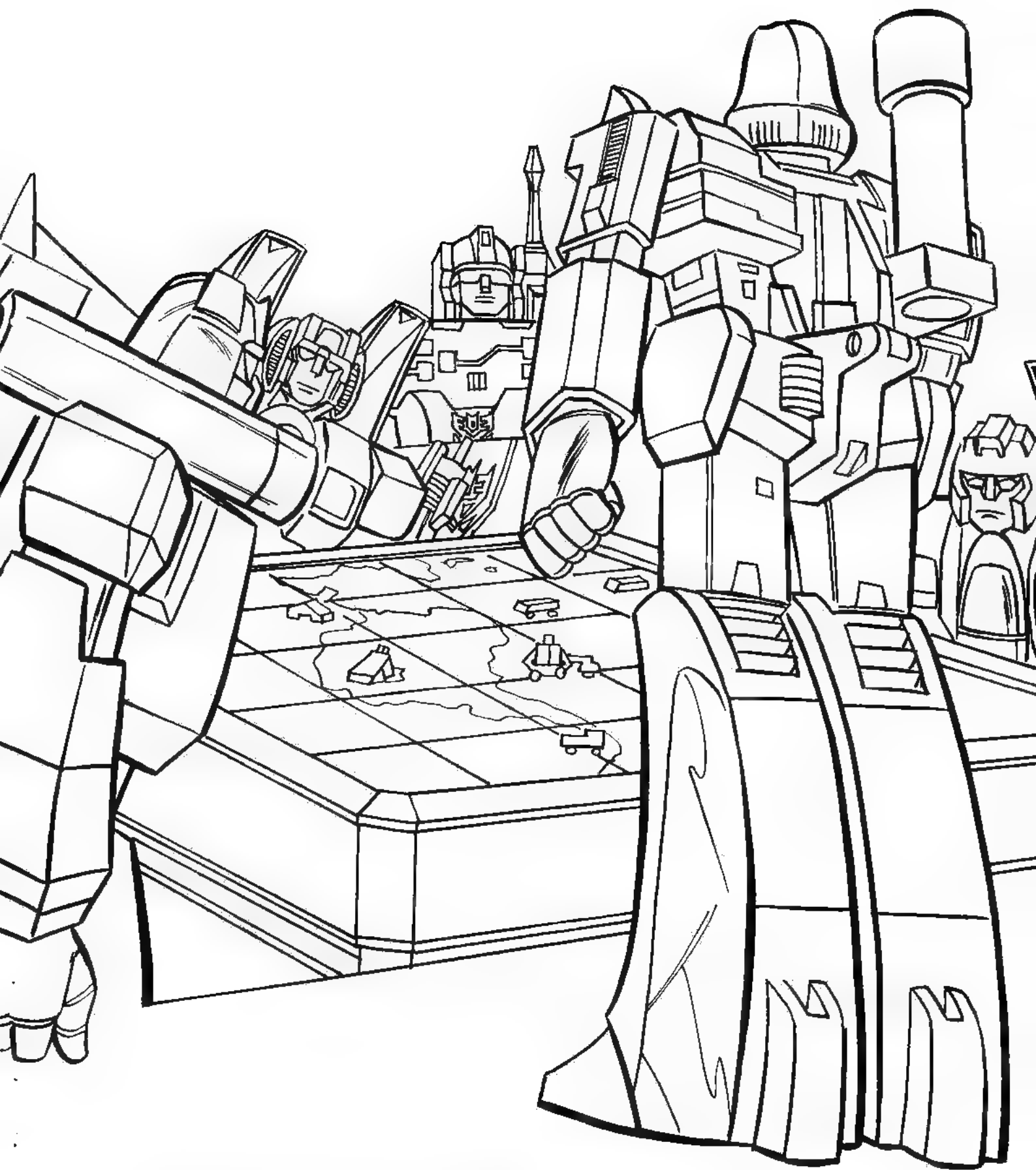


The Autobots do not suspect that the Decepticon spy Ravage is listening outside the ship. "A space communicator," says Ravage. "I'd better let Megatron know about this!"



Ravage hurries back to the Decepticon headquarters and tells Megatron about the Autobot's space communicator.

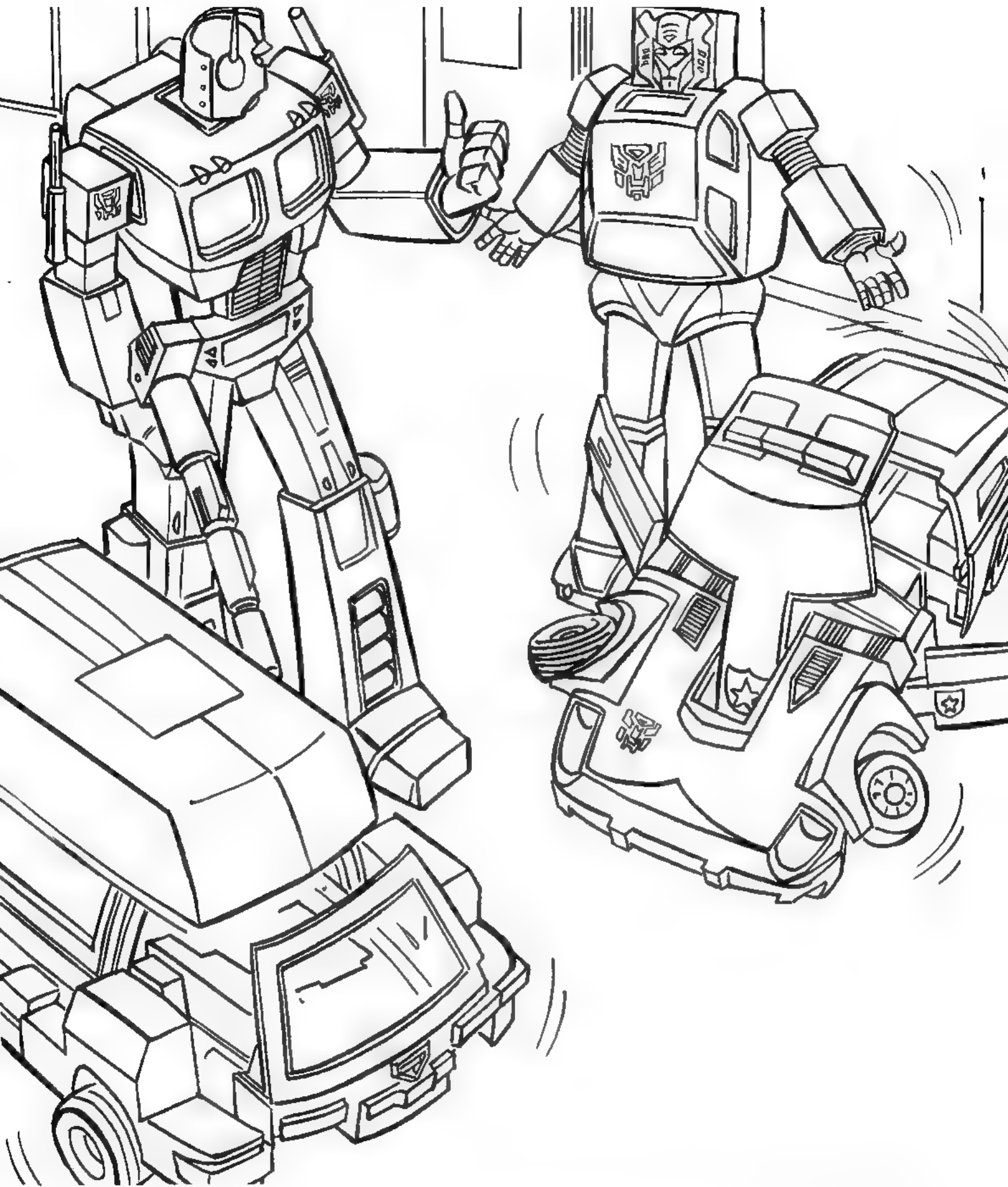
"Good work," says Megatron. "I think we'll send the Autobots a fake message on their communicator."



"We will lure the Autobots out of camp and then we'll move in." Megatron tells the other Autobots.



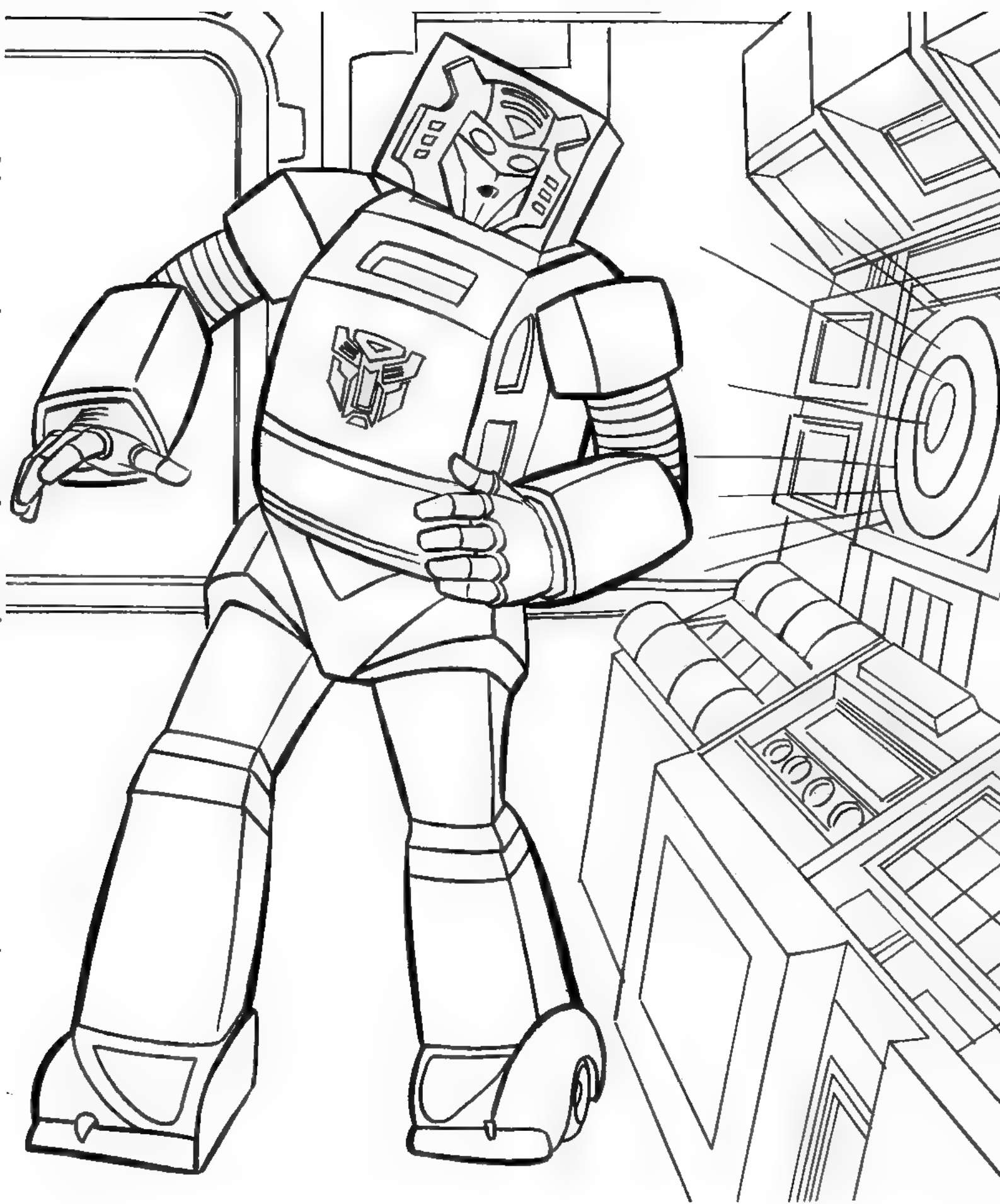
Meanwhile, back at the Autobot camp, Prowl checks the weather. "The rain is stopping," he announces. "We'd better patrol the area and make sure the Decepticons haven't caused any trouble while we were inside."



"Bumblebee, it's your turn to stay and mind camp," reminds Optimus Prime.
"Shucks," complains Bumblebee. "That's no fun."



The Autobots turn into cars and trucks. They drive off to patrol the area.



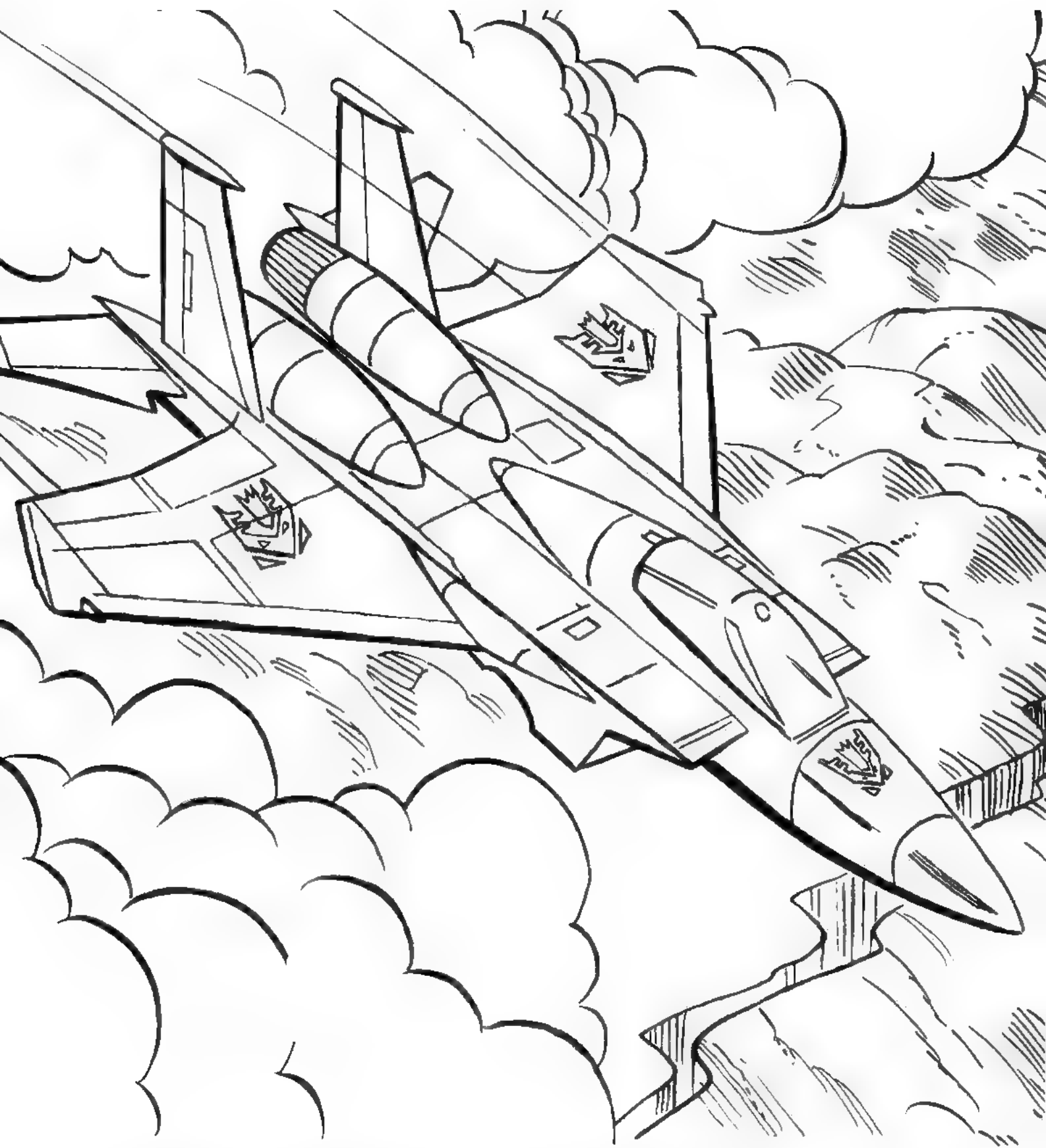
The other Autobots are only gone a few minutes when Bumblebee hears the space communicator tapping out a message.



Bumblebee decodes the message. It says, "Special rescue mission arriving from Cybertron. Will land near volcano. Please meet us at volcano area."



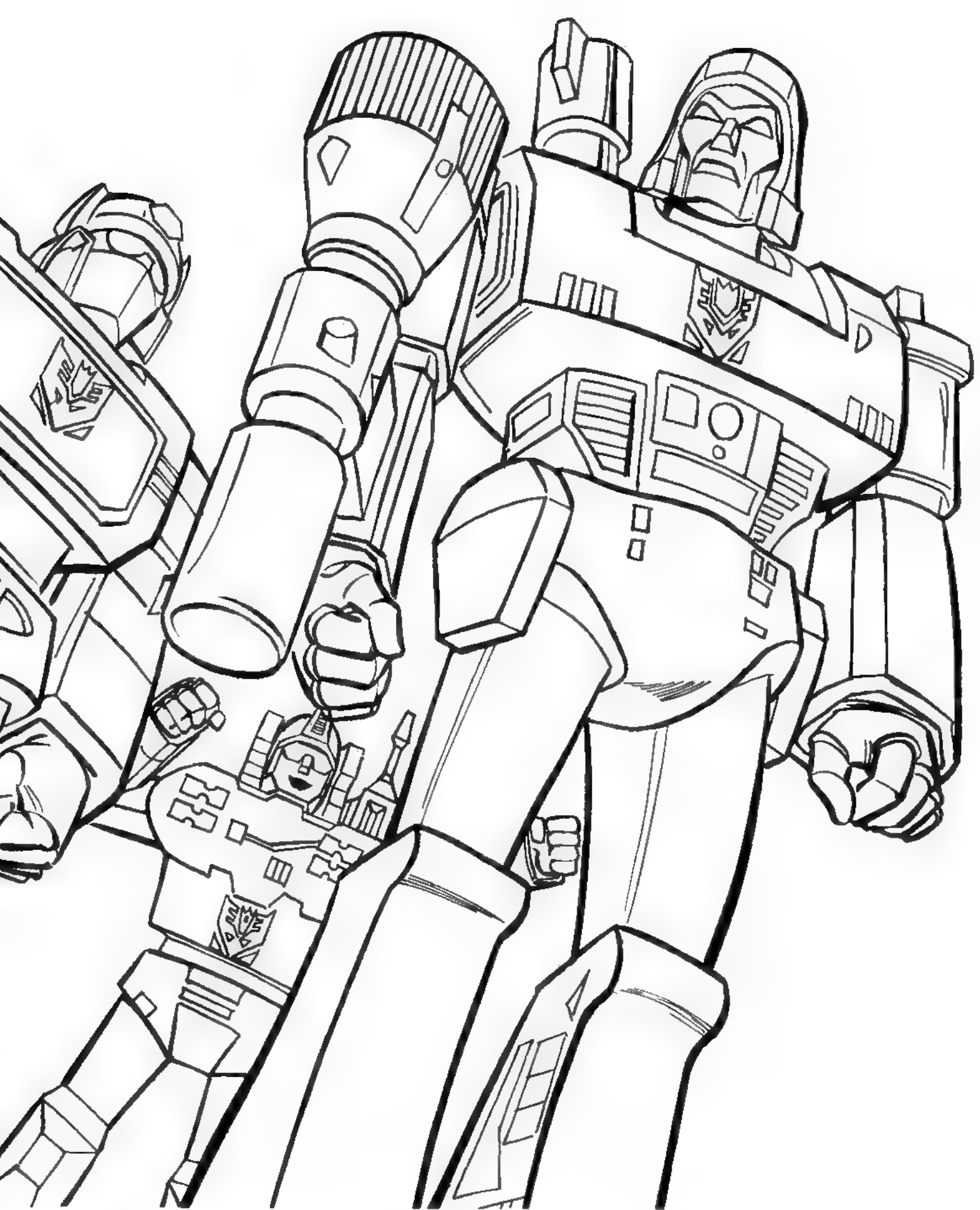
"Yipeeee! We're going home," shouts Bumblebee as he transforms into a yellow mini car. "I'd better get to the volcano, quick!"



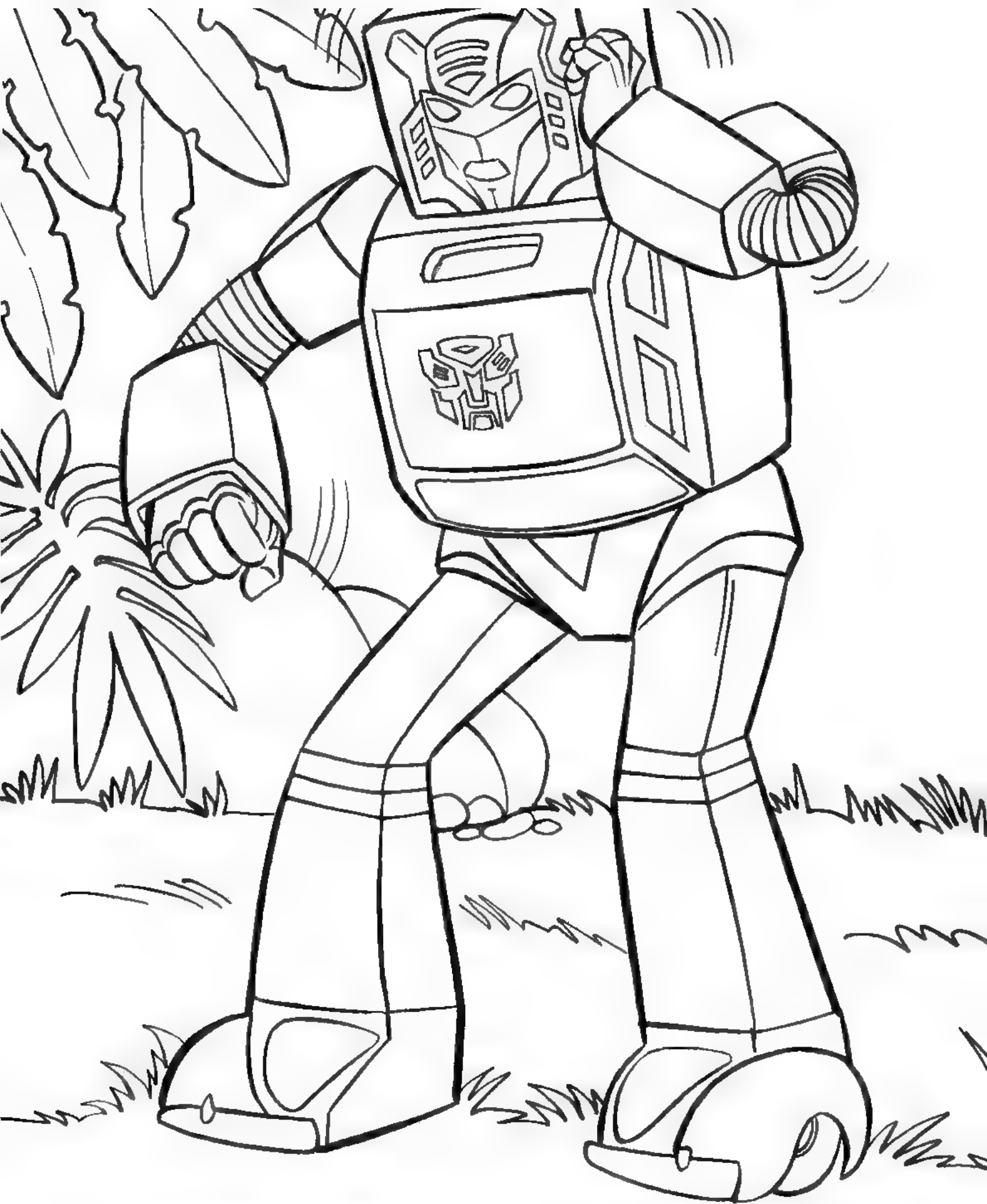
Bumblebee doesn't suspect that the message did *not* come from a rescue ship at all! It came from the evil Decepticon Starscream who transformed into a jet and radioed the message in from above the camp.



"It worked," Starscream radios to Megatron. "The Autobot camp is completely empty. No one is guarding it!"



"Excellent," laughs Megatron. "Come Decepticons, we are going to take over the Autobot camp. First we will leave the Autobots homeless, and then we will destroy them forever!"



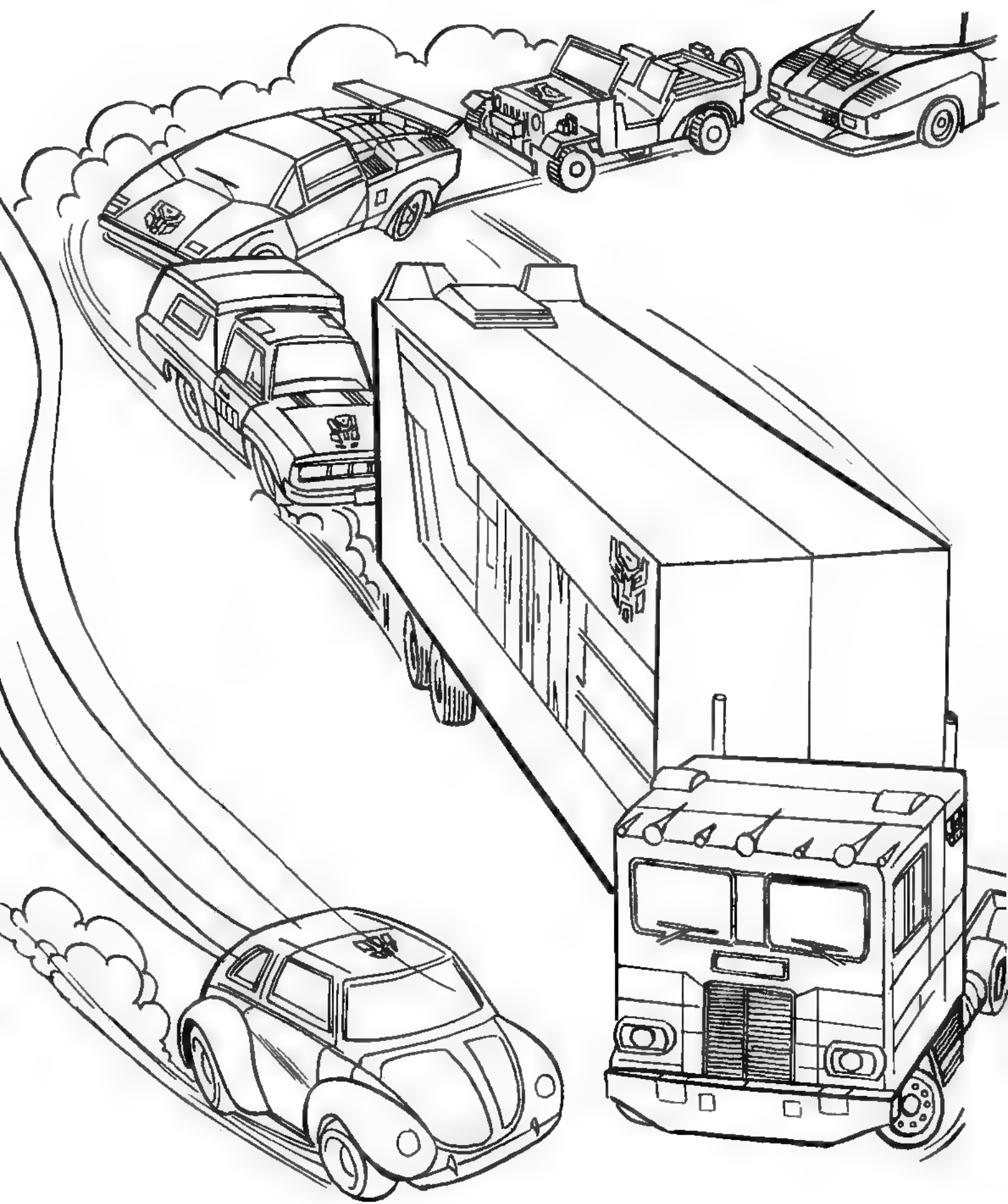
Bumblebee waits...and waits...and waits. Suddenly he gets very angry. "This must have been a trick!" he shouts. "No ship is here, and no ship is coming."



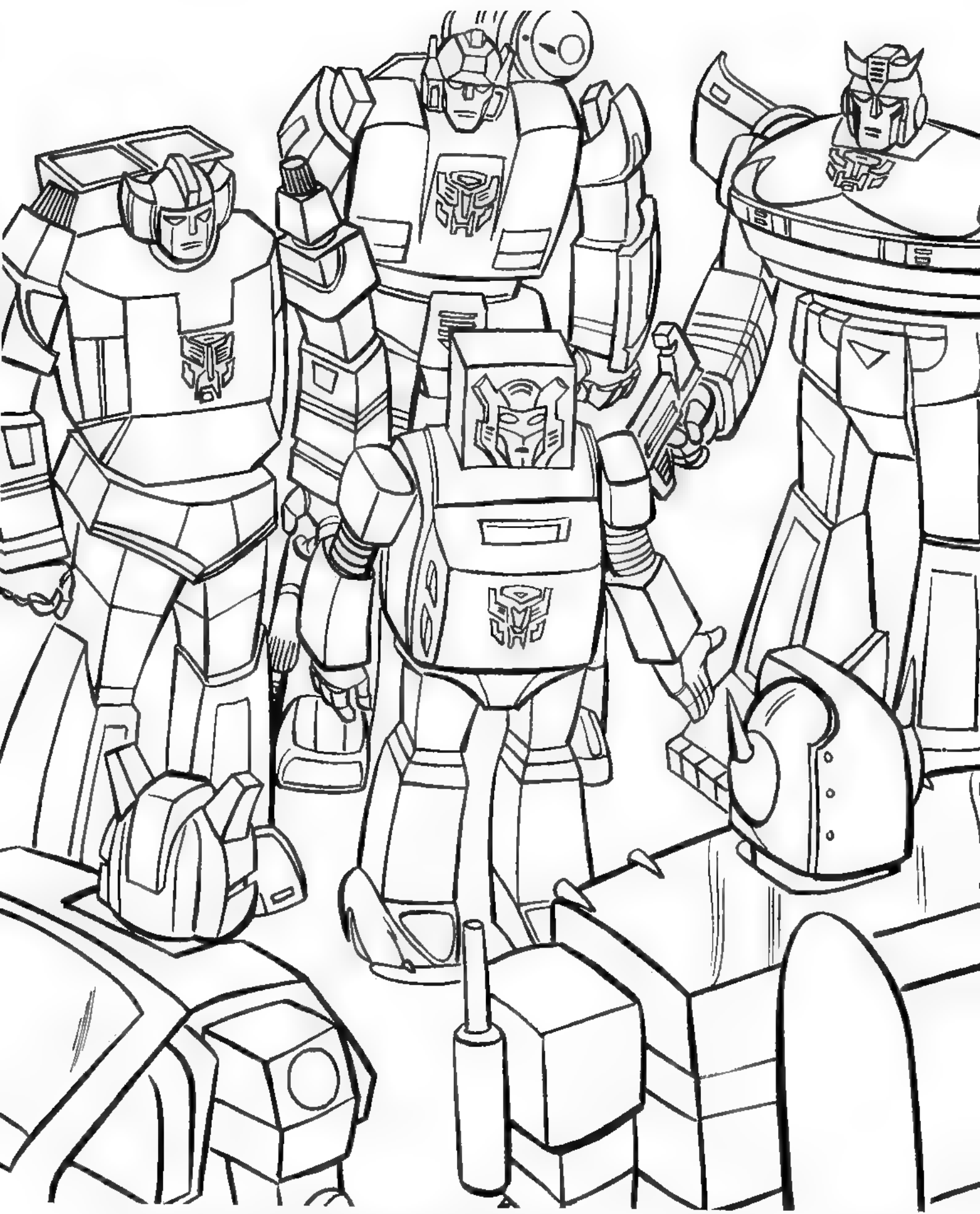
"Uh oh," says Bumblebee. "I was supposed to be guarding camp." He uses his telescopic vision to check the Autobot camp. "Oh, no! Decepticons," he yells. "I really goofed this time!"



Bumblebee turns back into a car and races to find the Autobots before they return to camp and fall into Megatron's trap.



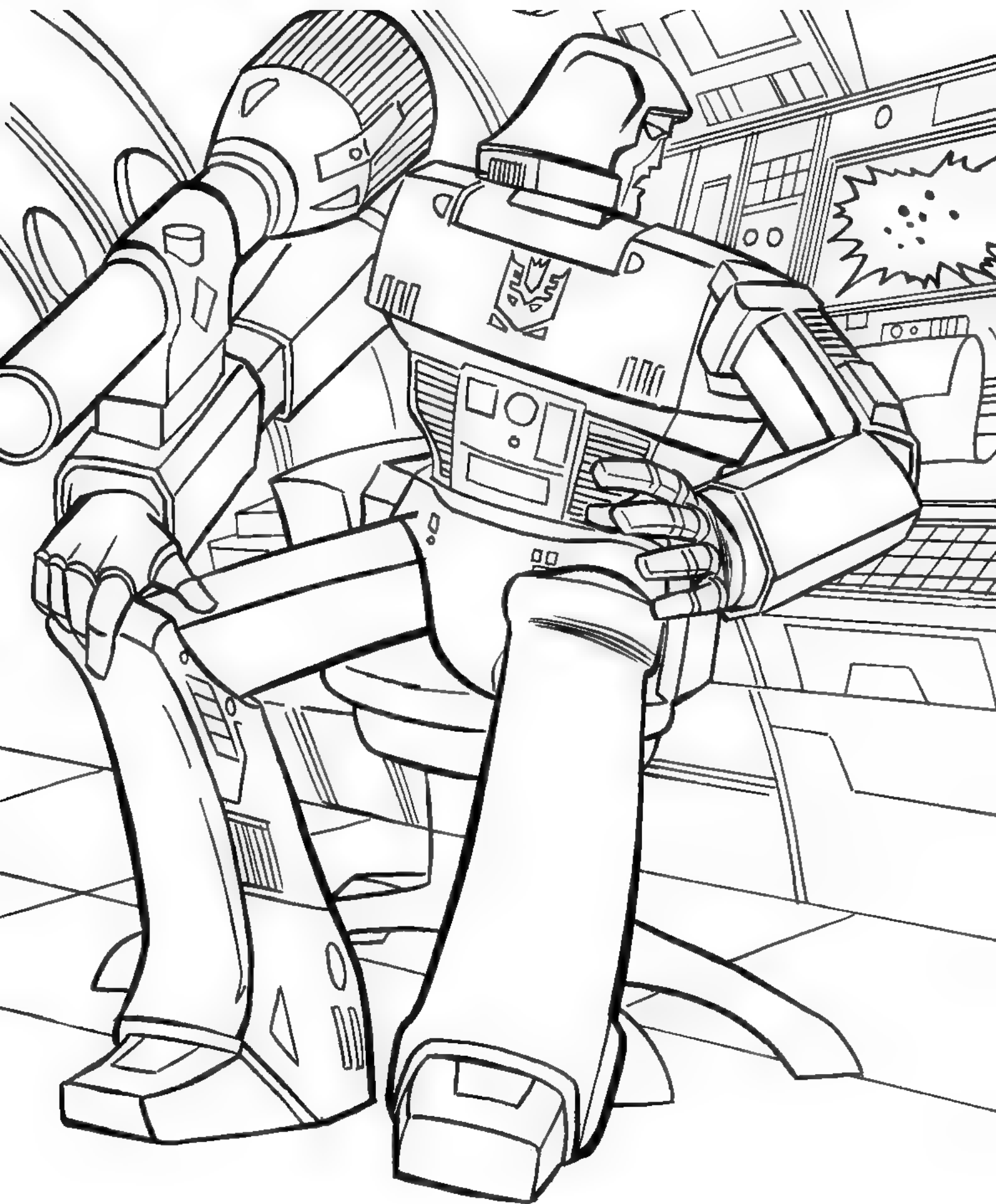
Bumblebee finds Optimus Prime and the other Autobots about to return to camp. "Stop," he yells. "Don't go back to camp! I've done a terrible thing!"



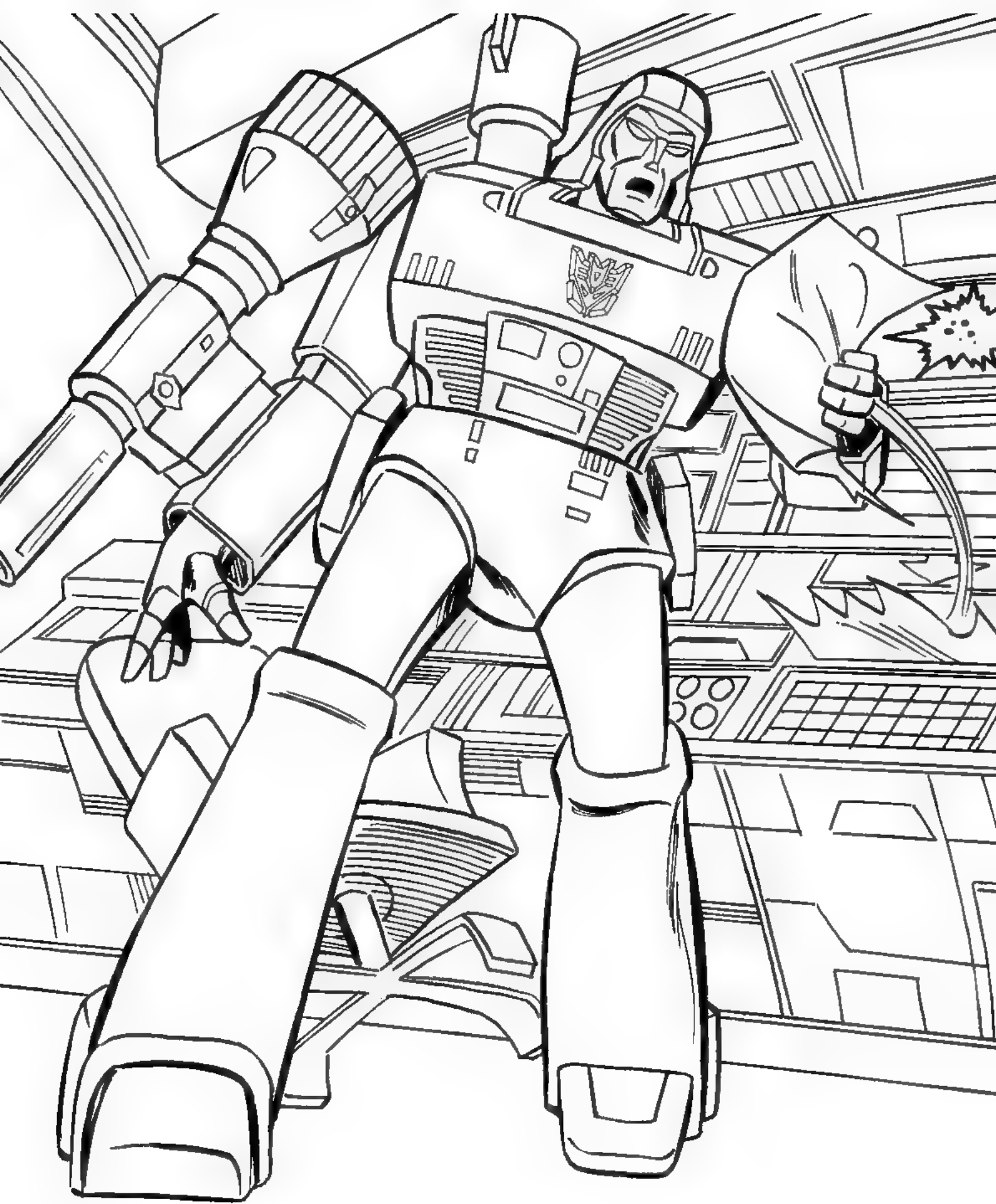
Bumblebee tells how the Decepticons tricked him into leaving the Autobot camp unguarded.



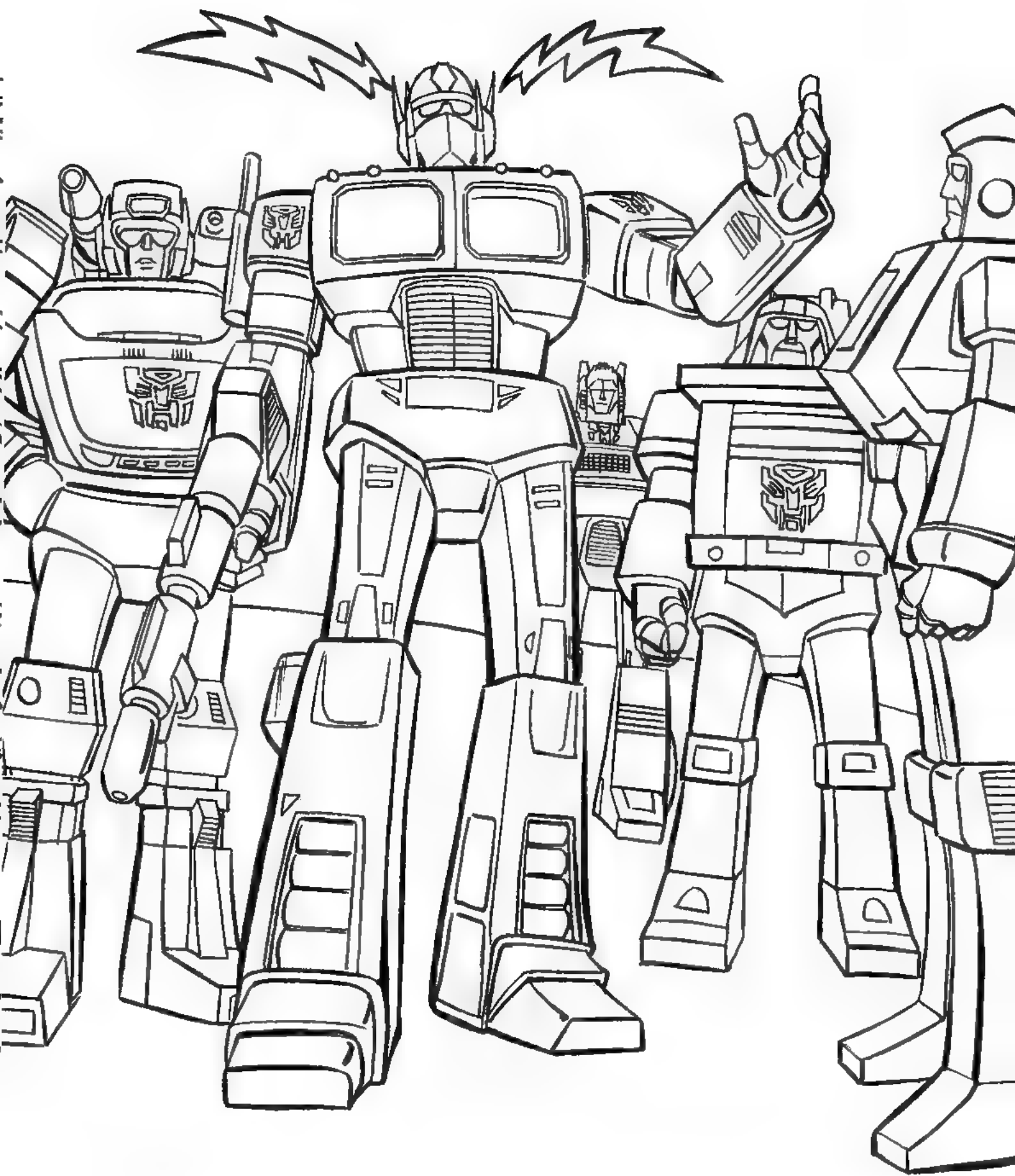
"Well, we can send some phoney messages of our own," says Optimus Prime. "I have a plan."



"I'm going to like this new home," says Megatron. Suddenly the space communicator begins to click.



Megatron decodes the message. It says, "Prepare for a Martian invasion.
We are going to blow up your camp in five minutes!"



Megatron doesn't realize that the message really came from Optimus Prime.



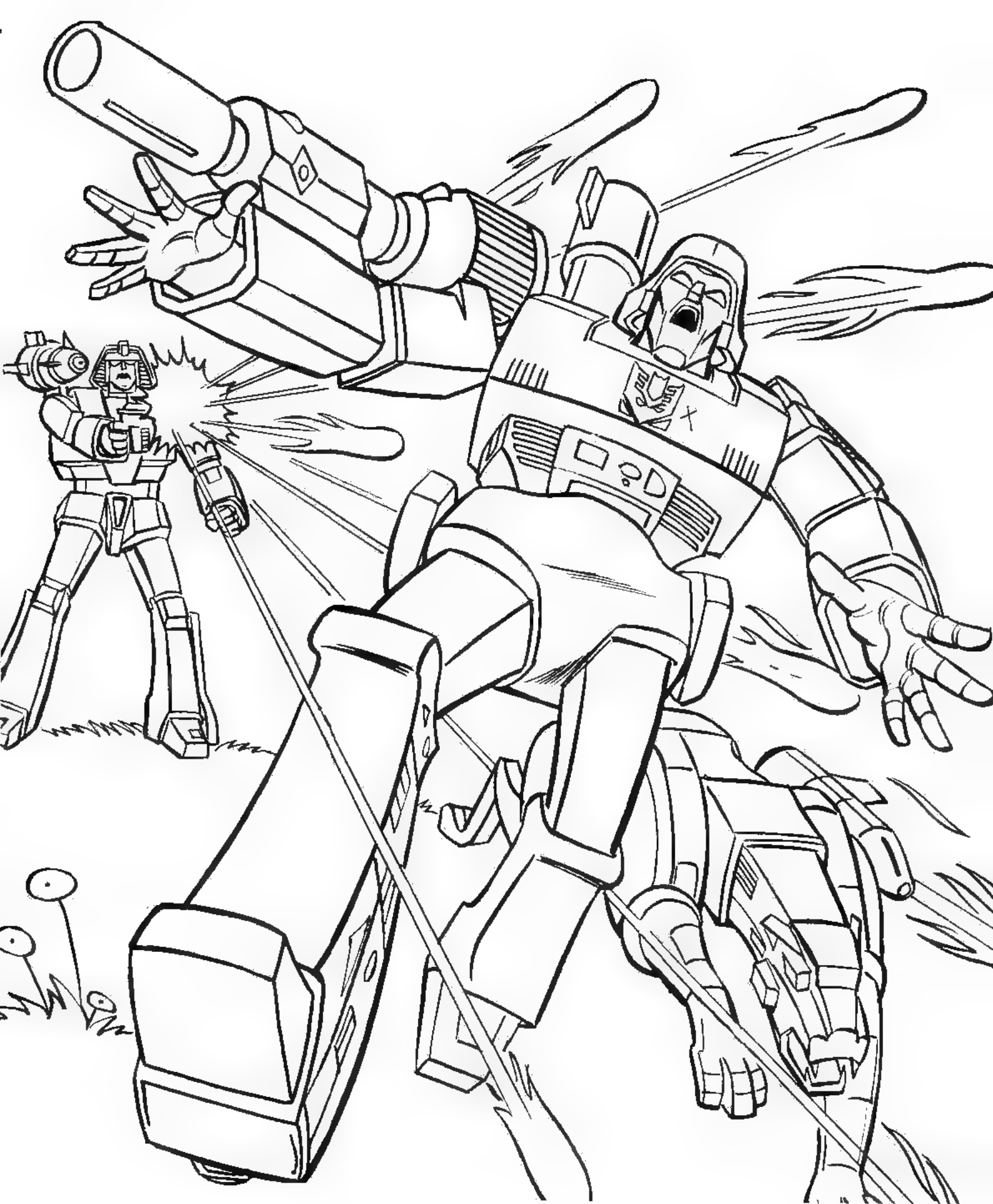
"They should be running out of that camp any time now," says Optimus Prime. "Let's be there to give them ■ going away party."



"This camp is going to be attacked by Martians!" cries Megatron.
"We must leave quickly before it is blown up!"



As the Decepticons begin to run out of camp they run right into an Autobot ambush.



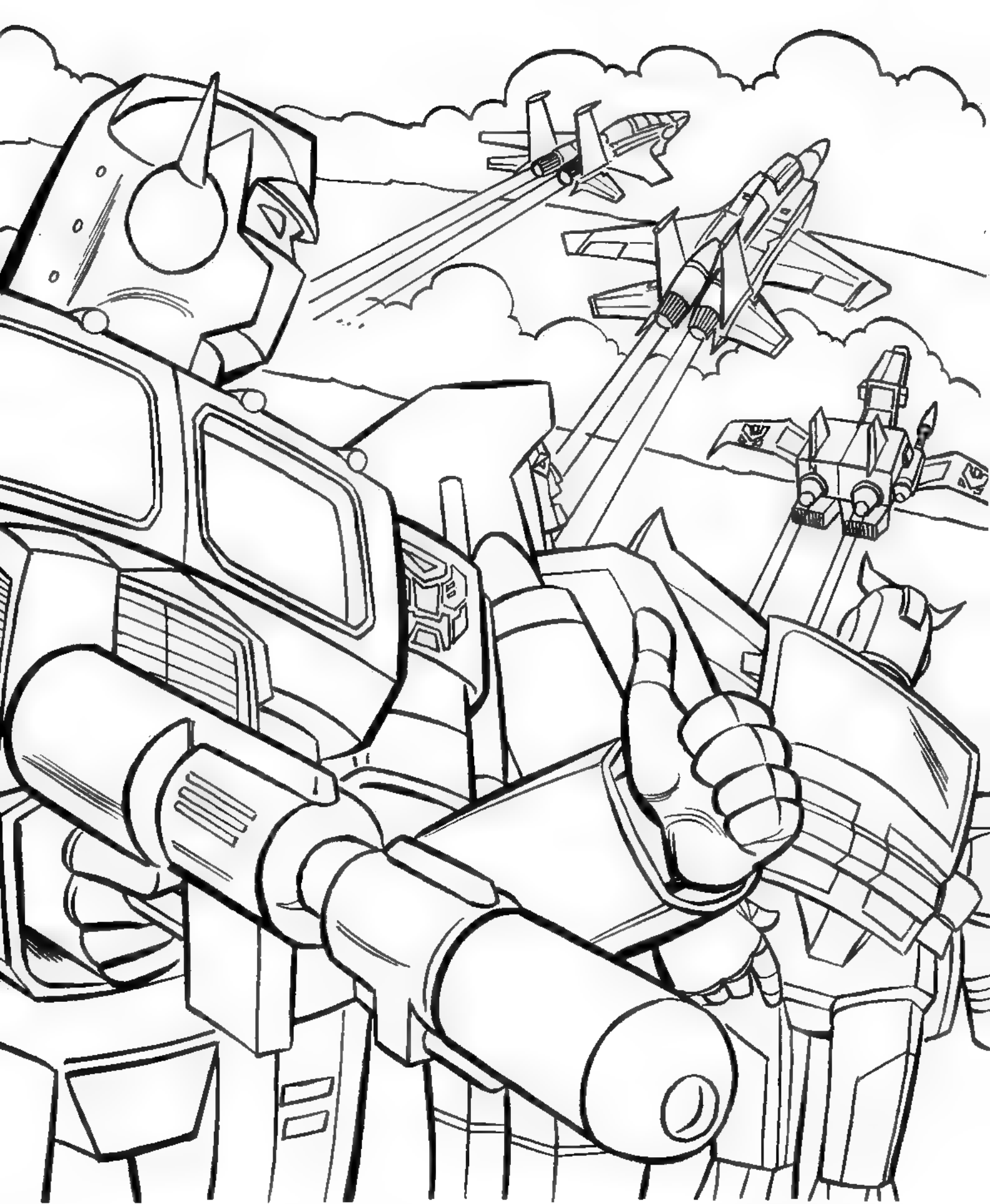
"You guys can't leave fast enough to suit me," yells Mirage as he hurls his balls of electricity at the fleeing Decepticons.



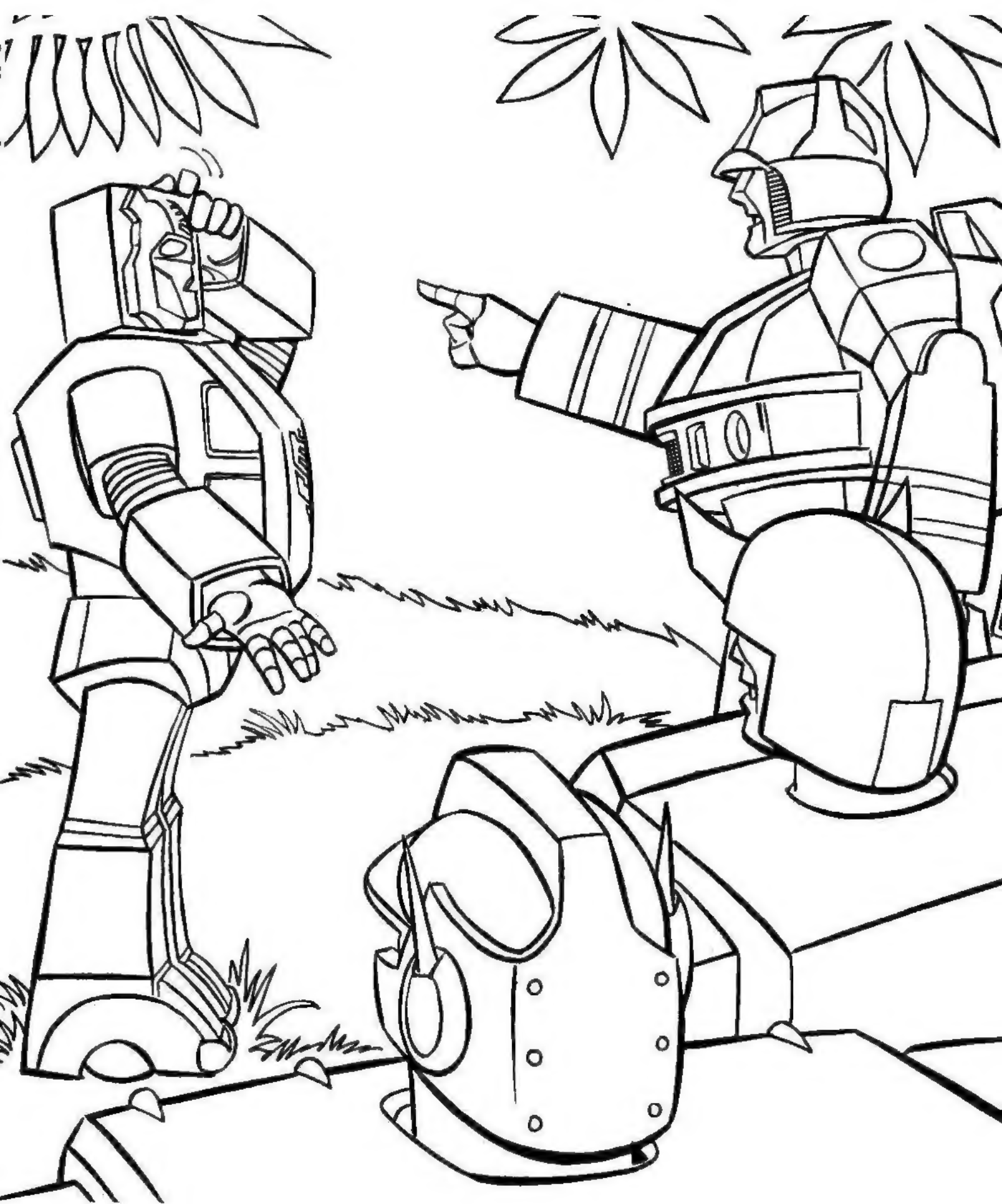
"And here's a going-away present from me, too," says Prowl, firing from his shoulder cannon.



"You can't escape my grip," says the powerful Huffer. "Don't crush us!" cry Starscream and Thundercracker.



"Let them go," says Optimus Prime as the Decepticons take to the sky and fly back to their headquarters.



The other Autobots make fun of Bumblebee. "you really believed that phoney message?" teases Jazz.

"I know I shouldn't have left the camp," says Bumblebee. "I just wanted to go home to Cybertron so badly."



"We'll get you back to Cybertron some day," says Optimus Prime.
"But before we leave, we will make sure that Earth is safe from the
Decepticons."

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